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Taking Note

Beyond skin deep

LOOKS MATTER. Much as we may pretend otherwise, we are drawn to the attractive, the elegant, the stylishly graceful. But I've always believed that personalities color appearances. Get to know someone who is kind, funny, or sincere, and he becomes far better looking without so much as getting a haircut.

The first thing I knew about Alice Grosjean '27, this issue's "cover girl," was that she is a stunning woman who easily passes for someone thirty years younger. So it was a pleasant surprise to sit down with Mrs. Grosjean and discover that she is charming on the inside as well. The sparkle in her eyes reflects her wit and sense of fun. She is gracious, not afraid to state her opinions but quick to ask what you think. And she is still sharp after a century's worth of living.

This hasn't been an easy spring for Alice and her family. Her daughter, Carol, died in March after a few years of declining health. Alice admits that she is having a hard time rebounding from Carol's death. Such a loss is compounded when you have far outlived your closest friends, who could offer comfort.

But I have faith in Alice Grosjean's emotional and spiritual strength. She is still making and entertaining friends, though they are several decades younger. She always has known that life is something to enjoy. At high school dances, boys signed up to take walks with her because she wasn't allowed to dance. At Wooster, she loved car rides and going to football games with a close circle of friends. After marrying George, her college beau, and settling in Wooster, she loved entertaining classmates and their families when they returned to town for reunions.

Meeting someone like Alice Grosjean makes you realize how relative age is — hers is an eternally young soul. Matched, of course, by her ageless beauty. Sure, secret potions and fountains of youth are the stuff of myths, but I wonder if there's something to how much water she drinks?

— Lisa Watts, editor



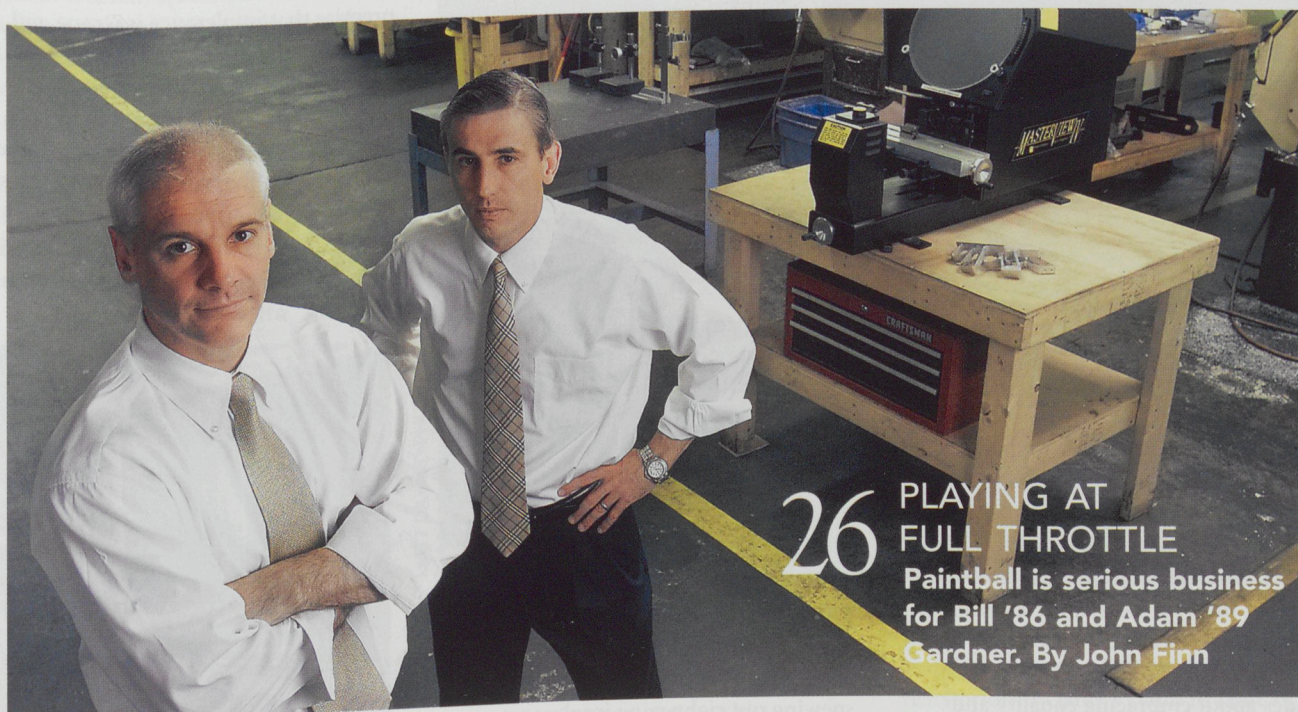
Sometimes it is inconceivable that
I should be the age I am.

— W. S. MERWIN

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GRAPPLING WITH INTOLERANCE

...students raise issues, then 'leftist' students confess

...and a defeated political figure. This time, Paine

GRAPPLING WITH INTOLERANCE

Two graffiti incidents raise issues, then 'leftist' students confess

[illegible]

A grin instead of a whine

[illegible]

Another cartoon parodies the typical college ad for diversity. A handful of students — one international, one a black athlete, one a white male in a ball cap — offer gifts upon their Ohio Union Women's campus fees. Thanks from the College lead when Torres arrived from Lorain, Ohio. He soon realized that he would be the only black student in some classes. "But I saw that everyone was friends," he says. In place of football, he'll "give love" to save his varying grades, up partly to save his several black friends. A co-president, a member of a fraternization, relay ten hours

He serves as a student organizations, a member of the judicial board, a deputy ten hours a week, and a sales clerk in town twenty hours a week.

Tomes knows Worcester isn't perfect. His cartoons help raise those issues with a grin instead of a whine.

"I know a lot of people. And I'm mindful that everybody isn't always comfortable here." — L.W.

INTOLERANT RANCE

I don't even know what to say about "Grappling With Intolerance" (Oak Grove, Winter 2004). The saddest thing is that it doesn't surprise me. And it doesn't surprise me that these people were able to escape expulsion by making a statement full of the obligatory platitudes about embracing equality and diversity. That's all it takes now to make up for this kind of behavior? And since when is "we were drunk" an excuse?

This episode illustrates what I've run into throughout my life: self-identified "leftists" are just as intolerant as the hate-filled individuals on the far right whom they love to attack. It's disgusting.

go on, tell us about it

WE WELCOME YOUR thoughts on the magazine's contents. Write to Lisa Watts, editor, Wooster, Ebert Art Center, The College of Wooster, 1189 Beall Ave., Wooster, OH 44691, or lwatts@wooster.edu. We may edit letters for clarity and length. Include a phone number.

We also welcome your thoughts in the form of short essays. Send submissions to the postal or e-mail address above.

And it's telling that an assumption was made that it was white, straight males. The cliché of white-male-bad sure got drilled into my head during the First Year Seminar I was required to take my freshman year at Wooster. Apparently that hasn't changed much.

In my experience, the self-righteous liberal types are no better, because if you dare disagree with one of them, you immediately become a nonentity to them. Just like my right-wing friends who abandoned me when they found out I was gay — there's no difference. When are people going to figure this out, and stop tolerating it simply because it's dressed up in platitudes about "equality" and "diversity"?

LES LONGINO '95
Tucson, Arizona

Two separate episodes of graffiti, vandalism, and willful destruction of property? The students involved are cowards, coming forward after some time and admitting they were "leftists" spewing out right-wing intolerance. Perhaps they are really "leftists" expressing their true intolerance to minorities. Alcohol is no excuse. Alcohol is no defense.

President Hales was wrong to modify the expulsions. These six students do not deserve a College of Wooster degree. I really don't think that programs in the

spring to discuss intolerance are of any value (actually I think they are a waste of time). If you are a student at Wooster, you should have already accepted the premise that intolerance is wrong and hateful.

My sympathy for any students who were affected by this trash. I thank Mr. Bornhuetter for his generous gift to the College, and I hope something like this never happens again.

HOWARD A. LEISTER '55
Doylestown, Pennsylvania



Melinda and John Haun '57 staff a mobile medical unit in Cochise County, Arizona.

IN GOODFELLOW'S PATH

I was surprised to learn that I am not the first Wooster graduate to provide health care to the residents of Tombstone, Arizona, “the town too tough to die” (“The Gunfighters’ Surgeon,” Winter 2004). Having grown up on the streets of Wooster with the likes of Jerry Footlick, Scott Craig, and Jim Jolliff, all ’56s, I considered myself well qualified to practice medicine on the “mean streets” of Tombstone.

My wife, Melinda, and I travel to Tombstone and several other small communities in Cochise County (6,250 sq. miles) and provide care in a one-room

mobile medical unit (see photo, left). Three years ago we came out of retirement to assist in the development of a series of federally qualified clinics in southeast Arizona. We mainly treat the migrant farm worker population; however, we provide care to anyone who enters our clinics.

By the way, the Crystal Palace Saloon (where Dr. Goodfellow had his office) is still open for business — we dance there occasionally.

JOHN HAUN '57
Sierra Vista, Arizona

MEDICINE'S LIMITATIONS

Complementary medicine is widely practiced and accepted in our state and has rescued me from "editor's neck and shoulders" more than once.

While allopathic medicine has its place, its recent reversal on female hormone replacement therapy and the Vioxx flap clearly demonstrate one of its limitations (over-reliance on patent drugs). Thank you for covering the other side of the health maintenance story.

SARAH W. SPURRIER '72
Albuquerque, New Mexico

TOLERANT, ACCEPTING

I congratulate you on including the photo and note on the gay marriage of Christopher Myers '93. Bravo! Wooster has always been in the avant garde of tolerance and acceptance. May it always be so.

ROBERT F. MEHL '48
Grand Island, New York

HOLD THAT TROPHY!

Luann McClernan Duffus '81 staked a claim as the first person to write an I.S. on a personal computer ("Sorry, I Was First," Mailbox, Winter 2005), in response to Jay Heiser '82's similar claim ("Pioneer in Print," Summer 2004).

MATT DILYARD PHOTO



Seniors celebrate I.S. Monday on the steps of Kauke in March.

Luann and Jay, hold that trophy! In the spring of 1979 I did my I.S. for Professor E. Carl Zimmerman '54 in computer science.

One day I stopped over at Professor Zimmerman's house to give him an update on my thesis. He and his wife, Marlene Fray Zimmerman '55, were feverishly working on this small computer set up in their house and talking about something called a word processing program. They explained to me that this program, given its ability to save information and allow for easy correction of typographical errors, would soon replace the typewriter. Marlene said that she was going to market her word processing services to students doing their I.S. projects. Given my aversion to typewriters, I responded, "Marlene, I'm your first customer."

So, while many of my classmates went to Florida for their final spring break, I wrote and Marlene word processed. We finished, I believe, in late

March or early April 1979; almost two years prior to Luann's claim to fame of March 2, 1981. So send that trophy (even if it is a "virtual" one) to Portland, Oregon!

AL LAVE '79
Portland, OR

SURVEY SAYS

Seventy-five alumni responded to a reader survey, mailed this winter to 500 randomly selected names in classes ending in 1 and 6. You told us:

- More than 70 percent of you spend at least 20 minutes reading *Wooster*.
- Of eight topics and sections, your top 3 are class notes, College history, and alumni profiles. Least favorite: fundraising news, sports.
- *Wooster* is by far your best source of news about the College.

"Please keep sending me this magazine," one reader wrote. We will, and thanks for your feedback.

Campus Scene

Tradin' riffs with the pros BY JOHN HOPKINS

W"WAIT, I THINK I screwed that up."
"Sorry, we changed that. We reversed it. It's the one-four first, then the two-four."

"And are these transposed?"

"Yeah."

It's a bit past four on a grey Wednesday afternoon in February, and saxophonist John Wojciechowski is working through a complex piece of music with one of the College's two jazz combos. It's the first time the Chicago-based musician has seen this particular chart, a tune called "The Porter Meets the Port," by sophomore Matthew Walker.

They back up and try it again. This time they weave their way seamlessly through the intricate arrangement.

"He was almost treating me as a band leader," Walker, a music composition major, reflects later. "He was very respectful of what I wanted to do."

As the rehearsal wraps up, Wojciechowski nods approvingly. "I didn't

know what to expect in Wooster, Ohio, but this is great."

A highly regarded jazz performer, writer, and educator, Wojciechowski has played or recorded with the Woody Herman Orchestra, Nancy Wilson, Jimmy Scott, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and many others. He is in Wooster for three days of rehearsals, master classes, and performances with the Wooster Jazz Ensemble and the jazz combos.

Of the twenty-two students in the ensemble and combos, only a handful are music majors. The rest are like Chris Lee '07, an English major and sax player from Vienna, West Virginia, who corners Wojciechowski after the rehearsal to discuss various brands of mouthpieces.

The next day Lee, who has played the saxophone for ten years, joins five other students for a master class. Wojciechowski works with them on intonation exercises, breathing techniques, and "how to get that sound you hear in your head."

He notices that Lee tends to hunch up his shoulders as he inhales, so he shows him how that limits the air he takes in.

"Every teacher I've had got so used to seeing me do that, they didn't notice it," Lee says.

Wojciechowski is the latest in a long line of guest artists to perform with the ensemble, including Milt Hinton, Clark Terry, Bobby Broom, and Joe Williams. The visitors spend plenty of time with students. Jeff Lindberg (music), director of the ensemble, recalls when vibraphonist Stefon Harris was on campus last spring. Harris got involved in a philosophical discussion with guitarist Jameson Rehm '05, a philosophy major, at Mom's Truck Stop "until they threw us out at one a.m."

Lindberg is the one who makes it all happen. As co-founder and artistic director of the Chicago Jazz Orchestra, his network of contacts in the jazz community is wide and deep. Guest artists know that any ensemble he directs will be high quality and fun to play with.

"This band is good," Wojciechowski observes after their first performance, "and it's because of Jeff. He sets the bar high. A lot of the music we do here is what we do in Chicago, not watered-down academic arrangements."

Friday night, several hundred students, faculty, and townspeople fill Freedlander Theatre. Wojciechowski performs with both combos and the ensemble for two hours of music by John Coltrane, Charles Mingus, Chick Corea, and others. As Wojciechowski soars through a tenor solo in Duke Ellington's "Cop Out," Chris Lee watches intently, nodding his head.

In a few hours, Wojciechowski will be on a flight back to Chicago and a gig with the Chicagoland Pops Orchestra. Right now, he and everyone else on stage are having a great time. **W**

John Hopkins is asst. v.p., college relations



John Wojciechowski in rehearsal with Chris Lee '07 and the jazz ensemble

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LUCE GRANT FUNDS STUDIES ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

With a \$270,000 grant from The Henry Luce Foundation, Wooster faculty and students begin work this summer on four projects to expand the College's engagement with environmental issues.

Faculty members from biology, geology, political science, and psychology will work with teams of three students each on research projects that will continue through the next academic year. The four initial projects will focus on global climate change, the management of agro-ecosystems, urban landscape ecology, and the decline of a once-common species of amphibian in Ohio.

The Luce grant also supports an annual symposium devoted to interdisciplinary exploration of environmental issues.

"I am pleased that Wooster has created a program in environmental education which surpasses, in quality, proposals from so many other institutions of higher education," says H. Christopher Luce, program director for public policy and the environment at the foundation and a trustee of the College.

"This program has a great potential for educating students about the relationship between scientific research and applied concerns," says Susan Clayton (psychology), who is leading one of the four initial projects. "In addition to providing students with the opportunity to do hands-on research as part of a group, this program encourages them to think about the big picture within which their individual projects fall."

While I Was Out

AWAY MESSAGES — those brief phrases posted beside your name in instant messaging programs to tell others that you're online but not available to chat — took on a decidedly I.S. flavor on campus in March. Some seniors got creative, while others faced the basic truths. I know, because one of my favorite ways to procrastinate was to pore over friends' away messages.

My favorites:

- eatsleepbreathelS
- Out to dinner...then back to the lab.
- %\$\$*&@#!: the I.S. Scream
- I.S., food, I.S., class, I.S....
- I.S. page count to date: 84, but 32 of those are appendix figures, don't get too excited

I didn't see any students brave enough to admit they had turned their I.S. in before I.S. Monday. Who knows what sort of responses that would have merited from the rest of us. — Emily Ryan '05 (I.S. #126)



RALLYING TO FIGHT CANCER

Elizabeth Perille '06, Leah Koontz '06, and Jim Witter '07 make posters to help raise funds for Relay for Life, a twenty-four-hour event held on the College track in April. Teams of students raised close to \$22,000 to benefit the American Cancer Society.

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KUDOS...

- **PATRICK MIDGLEY '07** finished first at the Ohio River Valley Competition of the National Society of Arts & Letters for pieces from *Tartuffe* and *Mrs. Warren's Profession*. Midgley claimed the \$1,000 drama prize and earned a trip to Hawaii to compete in May.
- Wooster's moot court team finished third of 25 teams at the American Collegiate Moot Court Association tournament in Texas. Wooster sent seven two-person teams. **NATALIE MILLER '06** and **LAUREN SCHREUR '06** placed first in the written brief for petitioner, **MICHAEL RUTTINGER '05** placed third in the written brief for respondent, and **MICHAEL BRODA '06** and **CHARLES FISCHER '06** took an honorary mention.
- Three Wooster Symphony Orchestra members received achievement awards from the group's Women's Committee. **LISA BRANDT '05**, an oboist; **PARKE NICHOLSON '05**, a violinist; and **LAUREN MCDIVITT '07**, a violinist, won cash awards. More than sixty students, faculty, and area residents play in the WSO.



Brandt, McDivitt, and Nicholson



MATT DILYARD PHOTOS

"The level of mentoring afforded junior faculty in the consortium is ... exactly what is required to maintain a productive program that engages students in current research."

— WINGFIELD GLASSEY (CHEMISTRY), on being elected to the MERCURY Consortium for the promotion of molecular education and research in computational chemistry at undergraduate institutions throughout the northeastern U.S.

Light Opera suffers two losses

JAMES F. STUART, 76, whose passion and commitment to lyric theatre led to the creation of The Ohio Light Opera in 1979, died March 7 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

"We were all fortunate to have experienced his dedication, passion, and expertise in all forms of music and lyric theater," said Steven Daigle, who succeeded Stuart as artistic director in 1999.

Stuart developed the OLO into a renowned ensemble unique in its festival presentation of operettas from America, continental Europe, and the British Isles. The College awarded him an honorary doctorate in 2002.

BRIAN WOODS, 31, veteran OLO performer, died January 8 after an extended battle with cancer. A popular tenor, Woods' lead roles over the years included King Louis in *The Vagabond King* last summer. "Brian's legacy is a brilliant one, and his beautiful voice and kind heart continue to inspire us all," said Laura McGraw Neill '89, company manager and producer.



CAMPAIGN UPDATE

WAYNE COUNTY NEIGHBORS GIVE GENEROUSLY

Wooster's history is rich in community support. Local banker Ephraim Quinby donated the land upon which the College was built. A committee of fifteen prominent citizens led fundraising efforts in the wake of the 1901 fire. Now individuals, corporations, and foundations in Wayne County have written the next chapter of that story, pledging \$2 million toward the Kauke Hall renovation and more than \$10 million to the campaign as a whole.

Greg Long of the Wooster accounting firm Long, Cook and Samsa and Richard Seaman of the Seaman

Corporation led the local effort.

Neither is an alumnus, but both have developed strong ties to the College.

"We moved up here in 1987 from Millersburg," Seaman says, "and it wasn't long before Stan [Gault '48] came and asked me to help with the Campaign for the Nineties." President Henry Copeland later asked Seaman to join the board of trustees.

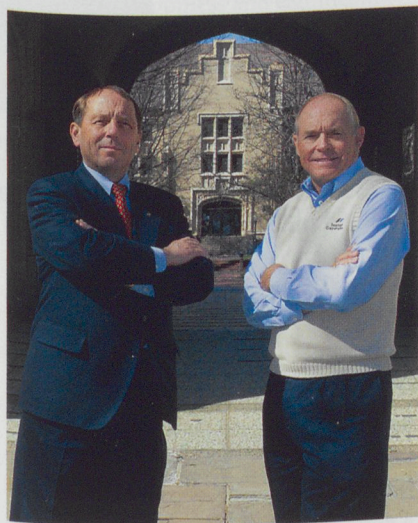
For Long, whose family has lived in Wayne County for five generations, the tie that binds is familial. His son, Matt, graduates this May from the College.

"I don't know if the College knew that when they recruited Matt, they were getting Greg, too," says Long's wife, Kathy, secretary and treasurer of the Wooster Glass Company. "But whatever Matt is involved in, Greg is involved in one hundred percent."

Seaman and Long co-chaired a committee that reached out to the community in a number of ways, from personal phone calls and one-on-one meetings with prospective donors to a campus reception, with tours of Kauke, for members of the Wooster, Orrville, Dalton, and Holmes County chambers of commerce last summer.

Bogner Construction Company, Gerstenslager Company, the Donald and Alice Noble Foundation, the Willard E. Smucker Foundation, Techni Graphic

Progress to Date



Businessmen Greg Long (left) and Dick Seaman led local fundraising efforts.

Systems Inc., and Wooster Brush Company were among the local institutions making significant campaign gifts.

"Business people understand the importance of the College," Long says. "It's the second largest employer in Wayne County now."

"Having a college in a town this size is a real treasure," Seaman agrees. "The College presents a lot of opportunities to this community. Wooster is something you give to and you get something back." — John Hopkins

Kauke Hall challenge met; renovation begins

IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS of an \$8 million challenge, more than six hundred alumni and friends and thirty-five foundations and corporations stepped forward — with gifts ranging from \$25 to \$1 million — to raise enough to claim the full Walton Family Foundation match for the renovation of Kauke Hall.

In addition, a pair of million dollar gifts from The Timken Foundation of Canton, Ohio, and from Stanley C.

and Flo Kurtz Gault, '48s, completed the \$18 million funding of the Kauke project.

"The Gaults and the Timken Foundation helped us punctuate this historic effort with a pair of exclamation points," says President R. Stanton Hales.

Workers will begin emptying Kauke the day after commencement. Renovation work will begin the next week. The building will reopen for the fall 2006 semester.

Oak Grove

MATT DILYARD PHOTOS



Elizabeth Roesch '05 in motion. The women's studies major claimed the Div. III title in the 1650 freestyle this winter.

Thrilling finish lands Roesch a national title

SWIMMER ELIZABETH ROESCH '05 claimed Wooster's first national championship in any sport since 1989 by winning the 1650 freestyle during the NCAA Div. III Championships this winter.

"Liz went out very controlled. Then at about the 1000, she started sprinting under 31 seconds per 50," described Wooster swim coach Rob Harrington '99. She passed two of her competitors during the final 500 yards, edging Emory University's Sam White by one-tenth of a second at the finish.

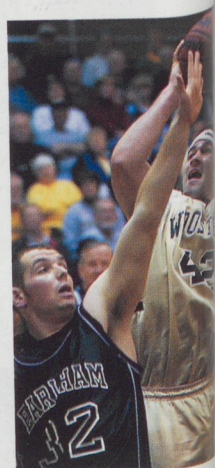
A well-decorated swimmer over her four years at Wooster, Roesch was named the North Coast Athletic Conference swimmer of the year in February after winning three events at the conference meet.

"I want to thank my teammates for coming in and practicing with me when they didn't have to," Roesch said after the nationals. "They also sent me e-mails and communicated with me throughout the meet."

A women's studies major from Oakland, Michigan, Roesch's plans include setting off next March to hike the Appalachian Trail. Thanks to an Azimuth Grant for focused discovery, through Wooster's Lilly Project for the Exploration of Vocation, Roesch spent last summer bicycling the Mississippi River trail and interviewing people along the way about the impact of the trail on their communities.

UP STRONG

THE SCOTS MEN'S BASKETBALL team put on a spectacular show this winter, claiming the NCAC regular season championship with a record of 25-1. After losing the final game of the NCAC tournament, 61-59, to archrival Wittenberg, the Scots advanced to the NCAA tournament. They knocked off Baldwin-Wallace, 94-78, only to be defeated, 59-58, in a lively game at Albion. Kyle Witucky '06 and Tom Port '06 were named to the Great Lakes All-District Team while Matt Schlingman '05 was one of five from Div. II and III and NAIA schools named to the 2005 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American First Team.



Forward and captain Blake Mealer '05 goes up for a shot against Earlham.

Honorable mentions

The northeastern Ohio chapter of the National Football Foundation honored **MIKE SCHMITZ** with the Lee Tressel Ohio College Coach of the Year Award this spring. Schmitz guided the Scots to a perfect regular season (10-0) last fall for the first time since 1923 and their first outright conference championship since 1934.

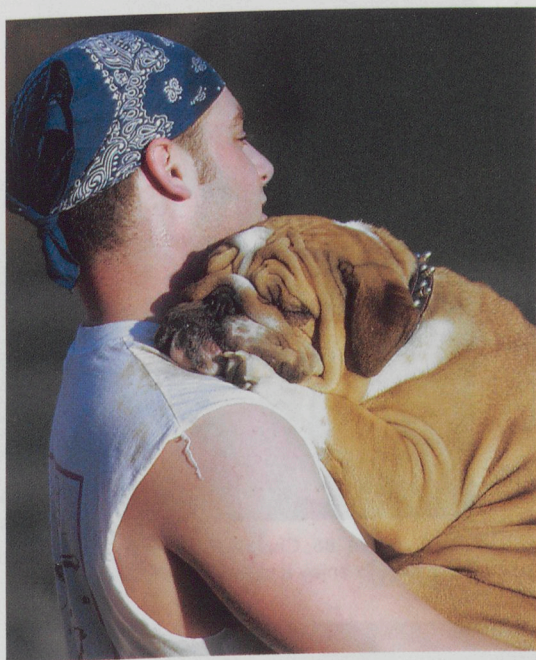
The NCAA Div. III Cross Country Coaches Association named **TIFFANY WHITE '05** and **KATIE WIEFERICH '07** to its All-Academic Intercollegiate Cross Country Team and named the women's cross country program an All-Academic Team. Collectively, the women runners compiled a 3.541 grade-point average in the fall.

WHY THEY MAKE US SMILE

Petting a pooch can be a good way to brighten your disposition, according to a survey by students in Susan Clayton's (psychology) social research methods class last semester.

The survey measured the mood and attitudes of sixty-three people. Nineteen of them had just spent time interacting with dogs from a local canine companion program while forty-four comparison students had not. Survey respondents were asked about their mood as well as their attitudes toward animal research, animal rights, hunting, and whether humans have an obligation to protect animals.

Those who had just interacted with the dogs scored significantly higher on happiness and significantly lower on unhappiness. "While one could argue that the difference between the two groups was related to other factors, rather than their experience with dogs, our data makes that explanation unlikely," says Clayton, who encouraged her students to consider alternative ways of interpreting the results. "People who had just been with the dogs were no more likely to have animals in their families, were no more likely to be male or female than the stu-



Warm fuzzies: Students measured the impact of dogs

dents in the other group, and were no more likely to have experienced the canine companions in the past. They did not even have significantly different attitudes toward animals compared to people who had not just been interacting with the dogs."

Why does spending time with a

friendly animal make people happy? "Dogs demonstrate their affection more clearly than humans do," she says. "They let us know that we are making them happy, so we feel effective and good about ourselves. They also capture our attention, distracting us from our general worries and forcing us to focus on the present moment. Finally, they help to satisfy our need for physical contact with another living being, which can be difficult to do when we're surrounded by complex rules concerning social interactions and relationships."

In 2003 Clayton conducted a study in which people either observed Wooster's monkey colony and received written information about the monkeys or just received the written information. Viewing the monkeys led to a significant increase in happiness ratings.

"We often think of the social world as limited to humans, and we take our relationships with animals for granted," says Clayton. "But interactions with animals can be meaningful in ways that psychologists are just beginning to explore. The students' data provide another piece of the puzzle." — John Finn

Off to a galloping start

AFTER REALIZING THAT SHE WAS NOT the only student missing horseback riding, Julia Horst '07 formed an equestrian club at Wooster last fall. "For a lot of us, riding is our stress reliever or release," Horst says.

Already, team members have earned high honors. Wooster's equestrians finished fifth of eleven schools in Intercollegiate Horse Show Association competition this year. Theresa Howell '06 leads the region in the two highest levels of the hunter (a riding style) divisions — open flat and open jumping. She earned a spot in the regional and national competition this spring.

Howell, who has ridden since she was ten, will miss the last two days of classes to compete for the national Cacchione Cup. "I'm more excited than anything," Howell admits, "but I'm sure as it becomes closer to the competition, I'll get nervous." Check her results at www.campusequestrian.com.

— Emily Ryan '05



Theresa Howell rides Oliver

Alumni News

GATHERINGS

FLORIDA WAS THE SITE of three Wooster events in February. Alumni, parents, friends, and retired faculty and staff enjoyed lunches in spectacular locations and presentations by Iain Crawford, vice president for academic affairs. Guests gathered in Boca Raton at the Royal Palm & Yacht Club, in Fort Myers at the Forest Country Club, and in Venice at the Venice Yacht Club. Guests in Fort Myers were also treated to a visit from President R. Stanton Hales. Special thanks to Stan and Flo Gault '48s, Fran Shoolroy, Carol Mayer '58, and Edie and Ed Andrew '61 for hosting the events.

ALUMNI, PARENTS, FRIENDS, and retired faculty from the **Bay Area** enjoyed an evening at the Oakland Museum of California in January. Ronald Takaki '61 spoke on "Remembering the Sixties" before guests enjoyed a private tour of the museum's special exhibit, "What's Going On? — California and the Vietnam Era."

DEVOTEES OF ROBERT Burns aren't daunted by much of anything, unless it would be a "dry" Burns Supper. Seventy alumni and guests braved their way through snow, ice, and sleet to gather in **Pittsburgh** on January 22 to celebrate the bard's birthday. Poetry was read, songs were sung, bagpipes were played, and toasts abounded at The Harvard-Yale-Princeton Club of Pittsburgh. Wooster supplied a fitting bit of Scotland by serving haggis, tatties, and neeps and decorating the tables with fresh heather, MacLeod tartan runners, and candles. All leftover food was donated to The Light of Life Mission. Special



Jay Overbye '86, Charles '86 and Maria Ryan and Ian O'Brien-Rupert '03 gathered in New York City to enjoy a comedy routine by Clarke McFarlane '92.



Bill '44 and Pat '46 Workman Foxx and Jean Horn Smith '48 enjoyed lunch at the Venice Yacht Club in Florida.

return, renew, reunion 2005

COME SEE OLD FRIENDS and new changes on campus during Alumni Weekend, June 9 - 12. Classes ending in 0 and 5 are gathering. For information, call 330-263-2324.

thanks to Gail Nesbitt Jones '60 for organizing the event.

PLANET BANANA — a comedy duo of Clarke McFarlane '92 and his wife, Silvia — entertained **New York City** alumni, parents, and friends in February. The hilarious and original presentation of a love story used circus skills, inflatable weapons, heroic volunteers and yes... bananas! Thanks to Doug Russell '56 for hosting the evening at 202 East.

MORE THAN TWO dozen young alumni in **Chicago** enjoyed networking over ice at The McCormick Tribune Plaza and Ice Rink at Millennium Park in February. For more photos from the event visit http://alumni.wooster.edu/images/millennium_park/index.html.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Saturday, July 30, 2005, we're holding a clam bake in **Scituate, Massachusetts**, at the home of trustee Joan Blanchard Mosher '78. For information, call the Office of Alumni Relations, 330-263-2508.



BY JOHN L. HOPKINS

Illustrations by Eric Mueller

Wooster's long-term
investments are robust
enough to nourish a
distinctive academic program.
But it wasn't always that way.

Green Grows Our ENDOWMENT

It's a typical afternoon at the College. Senior Delores Williams is revising a chapter of her psychology I.S. on recovered memories and daydreaming about law school. Professor Mark Wilson is adding some new resource links to the Web page for his sedimentology and stratigraphy class. Marco Garcia, a junior political science major and nose tackle on the Fighting Scots football team, is brainstorming new initiatives for Proyecto Latino. Professor John Sell is preparing to meet the director of the Cleveland Art Museum, who is on campus to deliver a lecture tonight.

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A common thread ties these people together: Wooster's \$220 million endowment helps make what they're doing possible. Williams and Garcia are the recipients of endowed scholarships. Wilson and Sell both hold endowed professorships. Even the museum director is here thanks to an endowed speakers' fund.

An endowment is a sum of money set aside in perpetuity and invested to produce a return, from which the College draws an annual payout to support a portion of its operations. While it is often thought of as a single pot of money, Wooster's endowment is made up of hundreds of individual funds, each with its own purpose and history. The funds are pooled for investment purposes but accounted for individually to ensure that each donor's original intent is honored.

The College has more than three hundred endowed scholarship funds alone. Some give first preference to students from a particular geographic area, those pursuing a particular major, or those who meet other criteria, from the fairly broad ("international students with financial need") to the quite

perspective, without the endowment's contribution, each student would have to pay almost \$6,000 more per year in tuition.

WALKING ON WATER

"Talent and ability...can only be secured by paying it a liberal compensation," a Wooster trustee wrote in 1868. "Eastern colleges have been so endowed by their patrons that they are able to secure whomsoever they may desire to obtain for the adornment of their society."

To allow Wooster to compete for the best talent, the nineteenth-century board hoped to raise an endowment of \$500,000. It took almost fifty years to do it.

Throughout the College's first century, the endowment grew slowly. The paucity of endowment income was one reason that finances were perennially tight. President Emeritus Henry J. Copeland recalls Dean Hopkins '30, whose service as a trustee spanned forty years, saying more than once, as the board passed the budget, "Well, we're going to walk on water one more time."

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specific ("Christian students of Assyrian descent from Iran or the United States"). Many others are unrestricted.

For Garcia, whose father is a chief master sergeant in the Air Force, receiving the Charles and Roland del Mar Scholarship "has helped tremendously." The second oldest of five siblings, he hopes to work in the public policy arena after graduation.

Endowed funds also are dedicated to purchasing library books, supporting the activities of individual academic departments, underwriting student research, and bringing prominent speakers and artists to campus. Endowed professorships help defray the cost of attracting and retaining top teacher-scholars. One endowed fund even helps care for the campus trees.

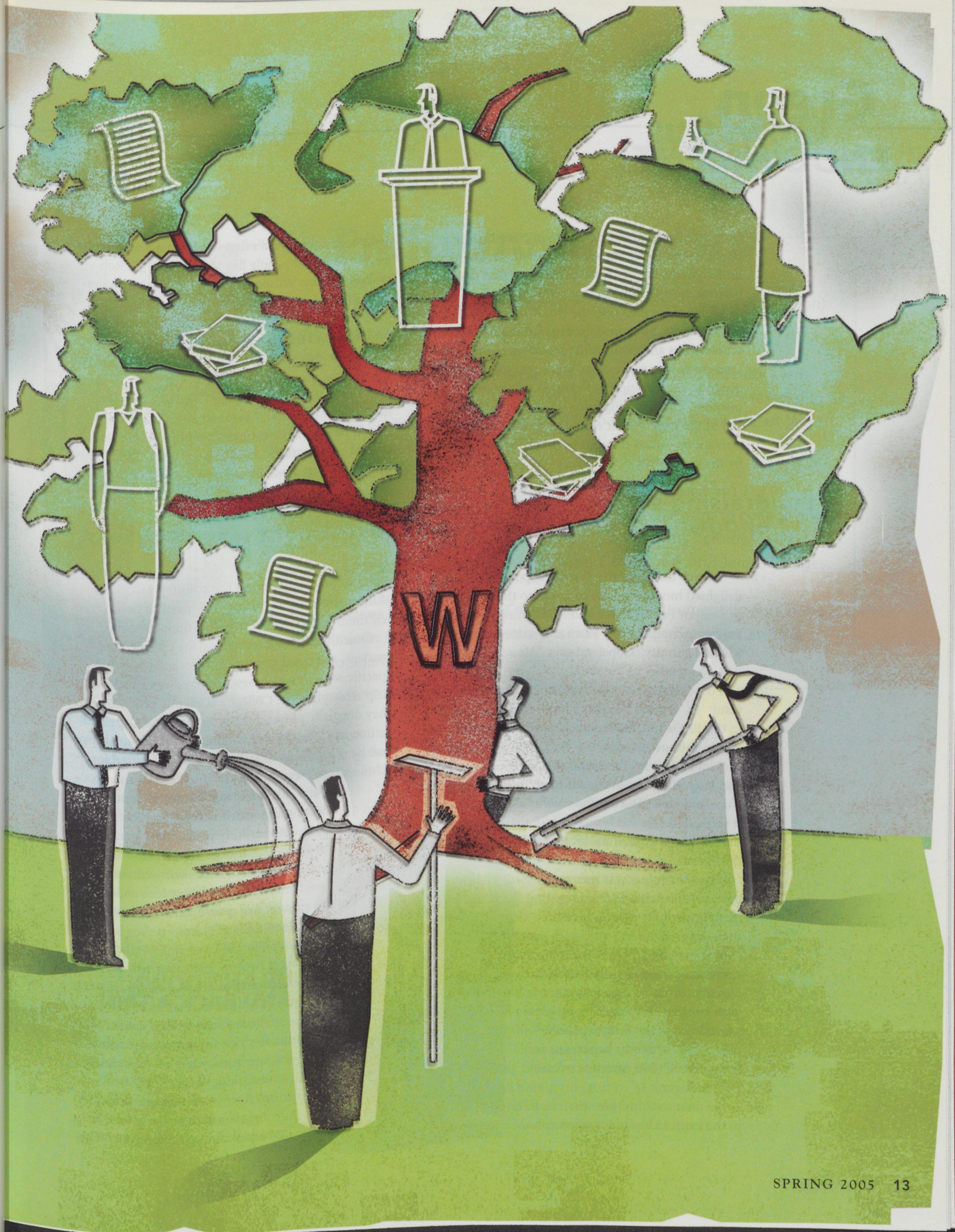
This year, endowment income will contribute \$10.5 million to the College's operating budget, about thirteen percent of total revenue. To put that in

When Copeland became president in 1977, he and the board agreed that the endowment, then \$15 million, needed to grow significantly in order to support and further strengthen Wooster's academic program. A pair of million dollar gifts that year, from the Timken Foundation of Canton and Foster McGaw, a friend of the College, set the stage for the effort to come.

Most college presidents have dreamed at one time or another about what fundraising professionals call "a transformational gift" — the eight- or nine-figure donation that can alter the life of an institution almost overnight. But an endowment is not built on dreams.

"Bill Pocock talked a lot about 'blocking and tackling,'" Copeland says. "He said there was no secret to growing the endowment, it was a matter of execution. You did it \$50,000 at a time."

Copeland credits Pocock '38, board chairman



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from 1970 to 1987, with putting in place the disciplines necessary to achieve real growth. In the 1970s, undesignated bequests had often been used simply to balance the operating budget. Now the College began to funnel those gifts into the endowment. The board set minimum donations for establishing named scholarships and chairs and plowed investment proceeds back into some older funds that had ceased to generate enough income to support their original purpose. The spending rate — the amount drawn out of the endowment each year to fund college operations — was reduced from seven to six percent by the mid-1990s.

and chaired the board's first investment subcommittee. He recruited people like Henry Luce III, Rob Walton '66, Jim Wilson '63 and Stan Gault as members. The committee wrote formal asset allocation guidelines, hired outside investment managers for the first time, and monitored their performance closely.

Ingram also recruited one other key player for the committee.

"The first day Henry [Copeland] was on the job," Ingram recalls, "I came in and said, 'I want you to be on the investment committee.' He said, 'I don't know anything about investments.' And I told him that's why I want you on the committee. You're

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Pocock did more than establish policies. "Nothing delighted him more than to go off to the hinterlands of western Pennsylvania and find someone who had not been visited in fifty years and come back with a \$50,000 annuity," Copeland says. "He acted as an unpaid member of the staff."

Pocock's successor as board chairman, Stanley Gault '48, chaired Wooster's fundraising campaigns in the 1980s and 1990s, which added almost \$40 million to the endowment.

"Stan Gault is just remarkable for his dedication and his willingness to use his time for Wooster," Copeland says. "During those campaigns, it seemed like he did his day job in the morning and worked for Wooster in the afternoon."

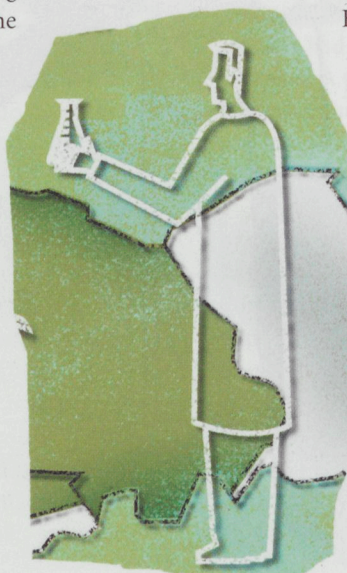
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For years, Wooster's endowment was managed in-house, with oversight from an ad hoc group of local trustees "who met once a week down at the drugstore and talked over what was happening in the markets," said emeritus trustee George Ingram Jr.

As finance committee chairman in the early 1970s, Ingram created

going to be going around the country, talking to alumni about contributing. You need to be able to tell them what we're doing with their money."

Over the next eighteen years, the president, trustees, and development staff worked to identify specific ways in which new endowed resources could help strengthen the College's academic program. And they doggedly pursued them. By the time Copeland retired in 1995, eleven new endowed professorships had been established. Millions had been raised for scholarships. New sources of "intellectual venture capital" like The Henry Luce III Fund for Distinguished Scholarship and the Hewlett-Mellon Presidential Discretionary Fund for Institutional Renewal had been endowed. And the market value of Wooster's endowment had grown almost sevenfold, to \$116 million.



UP AND DOWN AND BACK AGAIN

The last decade has been a roller-coaster ride for many university endowments. Thanks to careful stewardship, Wooster's ups and downs have been a bit less stomach-churning than most.

"We took full advantage of the big



Endowment trivia

- **The Mercer Professorship of Bible** (now the Mercer Professorship of Religion) was the College's first endowed chair.
- **Three professorships have been endowed** by former Wooster faculty members: the Aileen Dunham Professorship of History, the Gingerich Professorship of German by Gertrude Gingerich, and the Purna, Rao, Raju Chair of East-West Philosophy by Dr. and Mrs. P. T. Raju.
- **The Michael O. Fisher Professorship of History** was endowed in 1915 for \$20,000 by a farmer from East Liverpool, Ohio, who never went to college and may never have set foot on Wooster's campus. It's currently held by David Gedalecia, who succeeds Helen Kaslo Osgood, Floyd Watts, and James Hodges.
- **Various trustees honored Henry Copeland** upon his retirement by endowing a professorship in European history, the position of campus minister, and the Henry J. Copeland Fund for Independent Study.

equity boom in the nineties, but we were smart enough to take some money off the table along the way," says Stewart Massey '79, who has chaired the investment committee since 1992.

The College's ten-year average annual return of 9.8 percent was in the top 20 percent of 448 institutions surveyed by the National Association of College and University Business Officers, including multi-billion dollar behemoths like Harvard, Princeton, and Yale. After almost doubling in five years to \$228 million, the endowment fell to \$197 million in 2003 before rebounding to \$220 million today.

"Over the past three or four years, the investment committee has become much more a working committee rather than simply an oversight group," says Robert Walton, vice president for finance and business. The group meets three times a year in Wooster and holds two or three full-day meetings in New York, to set strategy, review approximately two dozen investment managers' performance, and make changes where necessary.

"Many of the most successful and talented [invest-

ment managers] are no longer working for the big firms," Walton says. They are with small and medium-sized companies that do high-end, specialized investing. These are not firms that just anyone can pick up the phone and call. "But we have some very well-connected members of the investment committee, like Stewart Massey, Mikael Salovaara, Bill Longbrake '65, and Peter Sundman '81, who can [make those calls]."

The committee's focus has also begun to shift to what investment professionals call risk-adjusted return.

"Most investment managers put themselves in a race with an index like the S&P 500. For an endowment, that's meaningless," Massey says. "A manager can come in and say, gee, we had a great year, the S&P was down twenty-two percent and we were only down ten. But the endowment still has to pay out five or six percent. That puts you in a hole. So we've started focusing more on reducing our risk while still achieving good long-term returns."

By using a series of mathematical formulas with names like the Modigliani and Sharpe ratios, the

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investment committee can calculate the degree of risk associated with one manager's investment approach versus another's and choose accordingly.

"Basically, we're willing to give up a little growth to not put endowment donors' money at risk," Walton says.

So far, it's working. In 2004, the endowment

ing the discipline necessary for growth.

With a bit more than two years to go, Independent Minds: The Campaign for Wooster is more than halfway to its goal of \$53 million in new endowment. Not bad, given the heavy emphasis on capital projects — some \$42 million worth — in the first five years of the campaign. Already new professorships have been

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A VIRTUOUS CIRCLE

The endowment challenges of the next decade would have been familiar to earlier generations of the College's leadership: adding new resources to strengthen the academic program and ensure access for talented students; investing wisely; and maintain-

ended in Spanish, philosophy, classics, and the natural sciences, as well as three new leave replacement positions. More than \$16 million has been raised for endowed scholarships.

While the progress to date has been gratifying, "If we reach the overall campaign goal but fall short of \$53 million in new endowment, I personally will not feel that we have succeeded," says campaign chairman James Clarke '59.

On the spending side, the administration and trustees are committed to gradually reducing the annual payout from six percent to five. (The national average, according to a 2004 Commonfund study of 707 private colleges and universities, is 4.8 percent.) According to Massey, the result over time will be "a kind of virtuous circle, because as the endowment grows, the payout goes higher anyway in absolute dollar terms."

That kind of discipline, says Bob Walton, can ultimately have a transformative effect on the College's finances and thereby on the academic program. "It's the difference between throwing off \$10 million for operations today and \$20 million in 2020."

"Growing the endowment may not be as tangible as putting up a new building," concedes Jim Wilson, chairman of the Board of Trustees, "but increasing Wooster's endowment will allow us to continue to

Market value of endowment:

Wooster vs. selected peers

Oberlin	\$593,742,000
Denison	441,365,000
Earlham	349,946,000
Wooster	219,176,000
Kenyon	148,823,000
Ohio Wesleyan	133,576,000
Allegheny	113,221,000

[Source: Chronicle of Higher Education/NACUBO]





position ourselves among the best liberal arts colleges in the country.”

Because Independent Study requires superb research facilities as well as intense, one-on-one relationships between faculty and students and a host of other resources, Howard Lowry once described it as “an aristocratic program in a democratic age.”

Wooster’s endowment provides the critical margin of excellence that makes such a program possible. To cite just one example, this year the Henry J. Copeland Fund for Independent Study awarded grants to ninety-two seniors to help defray research costs for their I.S. projects. The grants allowed students to purchase specialized databases, obtain critical pieces of lab equipment, and travel as far as Cape Town, Costa Rica, and Belfast to conduct their research.

“It’s only through the built-in strength of the endowment,” says President R. Stanton Hales, “that Wooster can offer scholarships that match the needs and abilities of our students, compensation that matches the talents of our faculty, and all the resources necessary to sustain and strengthen one of the truly distinctive, excellent liberal arts colleges in America.” **W**

Wooster endowment market value: 1974-2004

1974	\$ 12,540,100
1975	14,293,200
1976	15,440,100
1977	16,747,000
1978	17,486,000
1979	19,898,000
1980	20,229,000
1981	24,032,900
1982	23,911,600
1983	33,832,800
1984	32,784,400
1985	43,193,100
1986	55,714,800
1987	65,078,500
1988	66,118,200
1989	73,278,500
1990	79,471,800
1991	81,283,900
1992	89,827,700
1993	98,437,400
1994	100,359,200
1995	114,065,200
1996	130,224,800
1997	157,864,000
1998	188,361,400
1999	205,832,700
2000	228,613,200
2001	212,865,800
2002	200,553,700
2003	197,693,900
2004	212,651,700

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50 Things to Do

Before You Leave WOOSTER

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ON CAMPUS

1. Appreciate the beauty of the campus.
2. Have as many meals with your friends as possible. After college it's difficult to gather all your friends together.
3. Take a staff person to lunch and find out about who they really are aside from what they do.
4. Play golf on the Wooster course and go wading in the water trap. Enjoy the free greens fee — in the real world golf is expensive.



5. Take your grandparents to dinner at the Wooster Inn.
6. Don't feel guilty about spending an hour in discussion with a friend; it can be as educational as an hour spent studying.
7. Watch the leaves fall in the Oak Grove on a beautiful autumn afternoon. Jump into the piles of leaves.
8. Enjoy the roof of McGaw Chapel. On a clear night, stargaze from it and take a nap. In the morning, watch the sunrise.
9. Lie in bed on a Saturday morning and listen to the bagpipers practice.



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50 Things to Do Before You Leave WOOSTER

10. Take a course in something that you think you hate, and see if you were actually right.

11. Go to a Saturday football game and watch the band be led down the hill by the bagpipers.

12. Sled down the hill behind the PEC on a cafeteria tray. Or use your roommate's mattress, on the golf course.

13. Read a book by a Wooster professor and talk to the author, even if you don't have a class with him or her.

14. Get up at six a.m. and take a stroll. It's peaceful and eerie when the fog sets in.

15. Take a study break and browse the almanacs in the library. Some of those old books outlived the fire that nearly destroyed the school in 1901.

16. Don't stay in your dorm on a sunny day; study outside.

17. Participate in one of the legendary attempts to fill the Kauke arch with snow.

18. Take a picture of your friends beside The College of Wooster sign.

19. Perform in or attend a "Spotlight Showcase" concert at Mom's Truck Stop.

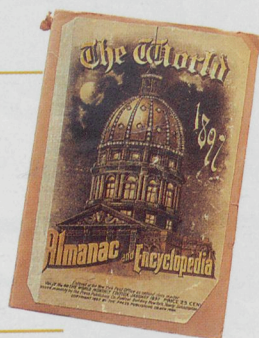
20. Take that class you've always wanted to take (poetry? biology? Black studies?) and always figured that you'll take "someday." Do it now; "someday" may never come.



AROUND TOWN

21. Go skating at the Alice Noble Ice Arena.

22. Attend the annual Tuba Christmas concert at Wooster High School.



23. Go to the Wayne County Fair. See the animals, watch the 4-H contests, attend big-name country music concerts for a few bucks, watch the tractor pull, and frequent the junk food stands.

24. Stock up on items at Everything Rubbermaid downtown.

25. Visit the world-renowned gardens and arboretum at the OARDC, especially to see the apple blossoms and roses in the spring. In the winter, go sledding on the rolling hills.



26. Sit in City News, eat a pretzel, drink coffee, and listen to farmers talk.

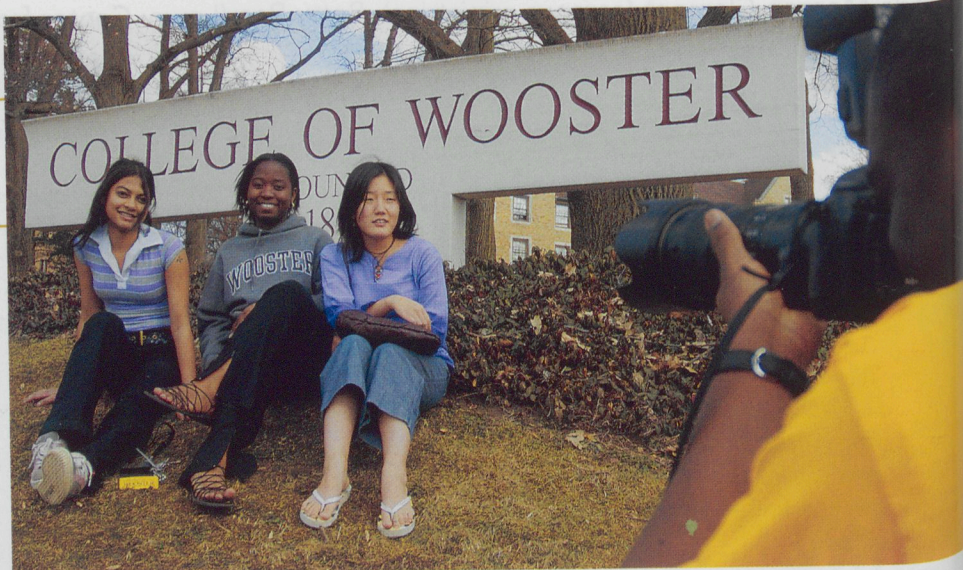
27. Go to a Wooster High School football game on a Friday night for a taste of small-town America.

28. Cruise downtown Liberty Street on a weekend night.

29. Visit the Wayne County Historical Society.

30. Attend a concert or show at Wayne Center for the Arts.

31. Go hiking in Spangler Park or experience the old-growth forest in Johnson Woods.



HIT THE ROAD

32. Take a road trip to an away football or basketball game.
33. Shop at Quailcrest Farm for unusual gifts and plants. Enjoy the serene surroundings.
34. Take time to travel. It could be an internship or backpacking around this country or another, but don't feel you have to rush through college and stake your claim in the world.
35. Walk through the marshlands at Brown's Bog and try to catch sight of the swans or bald eagles at Wright Marsh, both near Shreve.
36. See the world's largest cuckoo clock in Wilmot.
37. Tour the backroads of the Amish community. Stop in Kidron while an Amish auction is underway, and visit Lehman's old-fashioned hardware store.
38. Visit Inventure Place, the Inventors' Hall of Fame in Akron, and spend time in the hands-on area of the museum.

39. Go canoeing on the Mohican River.

40. Rock out at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, then attend a Cleveland Orchestra concert. You'll get the whole spectrum of music in one day.



FINE DINING

41. Try the "nacho death platter" at Lowry. Follow it up with two bowls of ice cream and those glorious peanut butter squares.
42. Have a raspberry yogurt shake from Mom's Truck Stop.
43. Eat at the Shack.
44. Enjoy a Coccia House pizza (and smell like garlic for a week).



48. Make a late-night run to Taco Bell or go for an early morning breakfast at Country Kitchen.



45. Go for a Hartzler's locally made, organic ice cream cone.
46. Have a chippy or steak sandwich at the Green Leaf Restaurant. Try ordering it from your car, with the circa-1950s window service.
47. Get a Hero House sub sandwich.

AND LASTLY...

49. Take the time to consider larger issues like, "Is the future left up to fate or is it determined by choice?" Lectures and speeches often spark such thought and activism.
50. Don't take your time for granted. Unfortunately, the experience will end sooner than you think.



A photograph of a cozy living room. In the center is a fireplace with a white mantel and a marble surround. A fire is burning in the hearth. Above the mantel hangs a large framed painting of a harbor scene with several sailboats. To the left of the fireplace is a built-in white shelf filled with various decorative items, including plates, vases, and small figurines. A potted plant sits on the floor next to the shelf. In the foreground, there is a light-colored, ornate coffee table with a glass top. Two patterned armchairs are visible on either side of the coffee table. The room is warmly lit, and the overall atmosphere is comfortable and inviting.

Living to 100

Alice Grosjean '27 believes in staying busy, eating right, and thinking positively. It's worked for her.

BY LISA WATTS • MATT DILYARD PHOTO



Living to 100

A wide bay window fills Alice Grosjean's dining room with light, even on a grey day. Her favorite rocking chair, a wooden beauty that once belonged to her grandmother, sits beside the window.

"I used to think, 'When I get old, I'll sit here in my rocking chair and read the newspaper,'" says Grosjean '27, almost wistfully.

The trouble is, on the eve of her hundredth birthday, Alice Grosjean has yet to grow old. Her health is good, her mind sharp. She can recall the days of traveling by horse and buggy, the first talking pictures, and the celebration surrounding Armistice Day in 1918. But she can also discuss the latest historical biographies and the psycho-babble of afternoon TV. After posing for a photograph, she hauls a heavy dining room chair, almost as big as she is, back into place.

Grosjean is allowing her children and grandchildren to plan a celebration for her May 18 milestone, but she seems to take her age in stride.

"I never thought I'd live to be one hundred," she says. "The time has gone fast."

Fresh air, WHOLE FOODS

Walter Childs had definite ideas about raising his two daughters, Alice and Jessie, in Fremont, Ohio. By the time the girls were nine months old, they slept outside on a sleeping porch that their father built. Their diet consisted of whole grains, fresh produce, and no meat.

If Walter was zealous, he had good reason. Doctors had diagnosed him in high school with incurable tuberculosis. But the young man read in a magazine about Bernarr McFadden, a charismatic figure who advocated exercise and natural foods to cure ailments. Childs set out for McFadden's camp in Pennsylvania to sleep in a tent, run every day, eat whole grains and vegetables, and avoid meat. He returned to Ohio healthy and fit — and lived to be eighty-two.



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Alice Childs Grosjean as a Wooster senior

Consequently, Alice had to visit friends' houses or her grandmother down the road to enjoy such things as white bread or cookies.

"It was an unusual household," Grosjean says. Her mother died when she was three. "I lived with a maiden aunt who made all our clothes, an adoring bachelor uncle, and a strict father. I was part of a large extended family. My whole life I've been surrounded by love."

Childs instructed his girls to breathe deeply on their mile walk to school and back. He forbade dancing and playing cards. "He told us, 'When you get out on your own, you can do what you want.'"

"I only went to the doctor twice in my first twenty-three years. Once I caught my fingers in the springs of a horse-drawn buggy, and once they sent me home from school with swollen adenoids."

Walter Childs was adamant that Alice go to college. He chose Wooster as a good, strict Presbyterian school, even though Alice wanted to go to Ohio Wesleyan.

She made the most of her college days.

"The food was a shock, it was so good. We had gravy and white bread. I gained seventeen pounds that first semester. My aunt had to let all my dresses out."

In and around her studies — she majored in French, minored in English — Alice learned to play bridge and socialize. In her sophomore year, a friend told her that his pal, George "Shorty" Grosjean '26, a football player, wanted to meet her. "I said he should just call me if he wanted to meet me. He was sort of shy."

The couple didn't get serious until Alice's senior year. That spring, on a canoe outing near Akron, George proposed. Walter Childs decreed, however, that his daughter must first work for a year, so that she would know that she could support herself. Alice taught school for a year in Orrville. On September 14, 1928, she and George married.

Domestic LIFE

George Grosjean began work as a traveling salesman for Pillsbury, then bought

Family TREE

Three siblings of Alice Childs and George Grosjean attended Wooster: Robert Grosjean '15, Lucile Grosjean Kelvie '25, and Jessie Childs Hull '28.

Alice and George had four children. Two of them attended the College: Walter Grosjean '51 and Judith Grosjean Benoist '60. Another daughter, Carol Grosjean Renner, served as dean of women from 1964 to 1966. Two of Carol's children went to the College: Elizabeth Renner Click '84 and John W. Renner '92.

Alice's sister, Jessie '28, married Robert Hull '27 and sent two children to Wooster: Robert C. Hull '55 and Karen Hull Packan '62.

a grain business in Apple Creek. With the Great Depression coming on, business got hard. The couple had to give up their house in Wooster and move to Apple Creek. Then they lost their Studebaker, then the business.

"Anyone who lives through a depression never forgets it. We saw many changes," Grosjean says. But the couple was happy. Their first child, Walter (Class of 1951, see "Family Tree"), was born in 1929. Three girls — Carol, Judith, and Georgeann — followed. "We had friends, we played a lot of ping-pong and cards. We accepted things as they came."

The Grosjeans moved back to Wooster in the mid-1930s to care for George's father. George eventually bought his father's business, Farmer's Livestock Association and ran the auction house for thirty-two years.

Alice Grosjean knows it sounds dated, but the work of raising four active children and keeping house satisfied her. "I never was a career-minded person. I was very domestic. I loved raising my children," she says.

"I see these people on Dr. Phil (complaining about raising kids and other frustrations), and I don't know what was wrong with me. I never had issues like this."

She loved cooking and gardening. She canned up to nine hundred quarts of fruits and vegetables in the summer. Outside of the home, she served as president of local women's clubs and school PTAs. She hosted alumni get-togethers at reunion time.

The Grosjeans bought a house on Burbank Road in 1942. They soon renovated and expanded the home. Alice took well to choosing colors and redesigning the space.

"If I had to do it over again, I think I would have liked to have been a decorator instead of a schoolteacher."

Grosjean hasn't been afraid to speak her mind, heading up such efforts as a decades-long fight to keep fluoride out of the city's water supply.

"Alice has always been a woman ahead of her time," muses Marian Cropp, who belongs to several organizations with Grosjean and worked with her on reunion planning before Cropp retired from the College's alumni relations office. "She knows how she feels and expresses it, but she wants to know your opinion, too."

"She's got a special kind of class," Cropp adds. "She has such a sparkle about her."

Friends kidded Grosjean about the way she fed her family — lots of produce and water, not a lot of sweets. "In midlife, I realized my father was on to something," she admits. She still drinks a lot of water. She gave up coffee some ten years ago.

When George retired in 1972, the couple enjoyed extensive travel. "We visited sixty-two countries," she counts.

George died in 1989. "I really lost him a few years before that, to Alzheimer's. But we had wonderful fun together."

Alice enjoys bridge. "At one point I belonged to four bridge clubs. They're all gone but two people now."

She boasts of eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. Family gatherings range from graduations and weddings to birthday parties for the youngest great-grandchildren. Until the last year or so, Grosjean was entertaining former classmates, such as Mary Courtney Bourns '27, when they came to town for reunions.

"It's a fact: I love people."

Aging "is not all easy," Grosjean admits. The hardest part is not being able to do work, to accomplish things. She doesn't like asking for help. She gave up driving when she was ninety-seven, after eighty-three years behind the wheel.



George "Shorty"
Grosjean '26

Our Centenarians

Alumni who have reached 100 or will this year. If we have missed you, please let us know (330-263-2187).

Mary Courtney Bourns '27, 99,
Needham, MA. Homemaker.
Birthday July 3, 1905

Osie Drushel Feusier '27, 100,
Wooster, OH. Teacher.
Birthday September 4, 1904

Myrtle Ross Hawken '27, 100,
Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
Birthday February 17, 1905

Mary Park Henke '27, 99,
Kathleen, GA. Birthday
October 23, 1905

Bernice Buckley Kuskey '27, 99,
Alhambra, CA. Teacher.
Birthday August 25, 1905

Celia Bethune Paden '27, 100,
Cleveland, OH. Teacher.
Birthday March 30, 1905


A. Milton Spining '26, 101,
Brentwood, TN. Chemist.
Birthday October 13, 1904.

She believes in positive thinking. "I've had some unhappy times along the way, but I don't dwell on them."

"Don't hold grudges," she advises. And stay active.

"I feel I need to keep moving," Grosjean admits. "If I had my druthers, I'd rather just read and sleep and sit all day. But I feel I can't let myself do that, I have to push myself."

She smiles.

"I've enjoyed every phase of my life. Now I don't mind being old." 

Send greetings to Alice Grosjean, 1814
Burbank Road, Wooster, OH 44691.



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BY JOHN FINN

Bill '86 and Adam '89 Gardner have business savvy, competitive drive, and a passion for paintball. No wonder they're setting the pace for one of the world's fastest-growing extreme sports.

PLAYING AT FULL THROTTLE

In the playing field, Bill Gardner usually peppers the opposition with a furious head-on assault while brother Adam prepares to launch a strategic counterattack from the right flank. In the combat zone known as competitive paintball, only the most aggressive survive.

Competition is a way of life for these two guys. At play or at work, the Gardner brothers are always on the offensive, looking for ways to dominate and defeat those who dare to challenge them.

As the owners of Smart Parts Inc., one of the world's leading producers of paintball guns, barrels, and air systems, as well as uniforms and accessories, the Gardners operate with a full-throttle mentality. "You have to compete to stay on top," says Bill '86. "Every day's a battle."

SMART PARTS PHOTOS

Bill (left) and Adam Gardner in their Smart Parts factory in Latrobe, Pennsylvania

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"Paintball is ideal as a spectator sport."
— Adam Gardner '86

Bill and Adam '89 Gardner are president and vice president, respectively, of a company that is expected to do more than \$30 million in sales this year, up \$12 million from the year before. Combining business degrees with fervent entrepreneurial spirit, they have built an empire in one of the world's fastest-growing extreme sports. They also own franchises in the NXL, a national professional paintball league, and until recently they were among the best paintball players in the world.

It all started in 1986 when Bill, a graduate student at Emory University, got his first taste of paintball. He was so taken with the game that after earning an M.B.A., he headed

home to Ligonier, Pennsylvania, and enrolled in a vocational-technical school. "I was hooked on the game, and I wanted to learn how to create my own gun," he says. "The instructor at the vo-tech school thought I was crazy. He had never had anyone with an M.B.A. before, but he let me do what I wanted to do. I learned how to use the machines and make the parts I needed."

Bill began the paintball gun business in his family's garage, but it quickly outgrew those confines. He generated \$34,000 in sales that first year.

Meanwhile, Adam had graduated from the Katz School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh and was enjoying success in the insurance business. One day, his big brother called with an enticing offer. With Bill's technical expertise and Adam's business acumen, the Gardners created Smart Parts. They specialize in the design and manufacturing of paintball guns, offi-

cially known as "markers."

"Adam and I have different personalities, different gifts, but we have a clear understanding of our strengths and a high level of respect for each other," says Bill. "We believe in letting the other do his own thing, but we're always competing. I think paintball brings that out in us."

In 1999, the Gardners purchased a 100,000-square-foot building in an industrial park in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Under one roof, they divided the Smart Parts operations into three areas: manufacturing, assembly, and shipping. Their success in product development and marketing led to such products as the Freak, the Shocker, the Nerve, and the new Ion — Smart Parts guns that spit out pastel paint pellets at

PAINTBALL HAS EVOLVED FROM A GAME PLAYED IN THE WOODS TO AN OPEN-FIELD SPECTATOR SPORT. IT REQUIRES LIGHTNING-QUICK REFLEXES, PINPOINT SHOOTING ACCURACY, AND HEARTY LEVELS OF ENDURANCE.

speeds in excess of two hundred miles per hour.

"Players want guns that are faster and more accurate," says Bill. "That's why playing the game has been such a huge advantage for us. We've even used our teams as test beds for new products."

Paintball has evolved from a game played in the woods to an open-field spectator sport. It requires lightning-quick reflexes, pinpoint shooting accuracy, and hearty levels of endurance. The large playing surface includes inflatable obstacles, behind which players take cover. Players — five on a side — dress in bright, bold, custom-made jerseys, similar to uniforms worn by NASCAR drivers. Once hit with a paintball, you're out. The team goal: to wipe out your opponents and capture their flag.

More than eleven million people participate in paintball events each year, making it the third most popular extreme sport behind inline skating and skateboarding. By the end of this decade, the industry expects more than twenty million people to take up the game because of its daring, fast-paced, in-your-face style of play. Bill describes it as combining the allure of a video game with the cardiovascular benefits of a rigorous workout.

Outfitting a Paintball Player

Marker	\$300 to \$1000
Pellets	\$50
Protective Goggles	\$65
Custom-Made Jersey	\$75
Footware	\$65

Serious paintballers keep watch on what the Gardner brothers are doing, anxiously awaiting creations like Bill's inverted rifle barrel, which earned him his first patent in 1993. These days, Bill and Adam scramble just to keep up. "We need to produce five hundred to seven hundred guns per day," says Bill. "Soon that number will exceed one thousand. That's an average of one gun per minute off the assembly line."

To meet such demand, the Gardners recently purchased a second building, a former warehouse ten minutes down the road, to house an assembly area, retail store, and indoor space with synthetic turf that will allow paintball enthusiasts to play year-round.

What has made Smart Parts the supplier of choice for many enthusiasts is the electro-pneumatic gun, a high-end product with a low-end price that revolutionized the industry with its power and accuracy. These guns sell for about \$300 retail, which make them affordable to consumers while providing a substantial profit margin for dealers.

Inside the manufacturing plant, the pace is brisk but orderly. Employees dart in diagonal directions



The Smart Parts "Shocker" shoots 20 shots per second

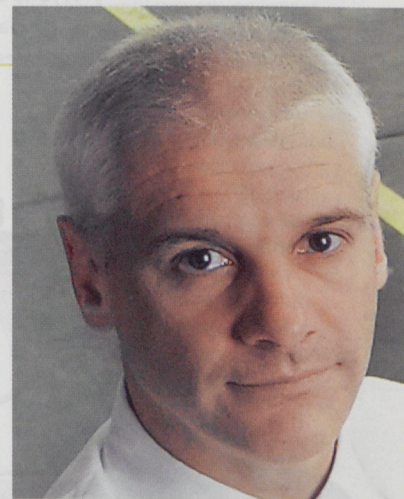
from one station to another, monitoring the assembly process, checking on inventory, and cutting designs for game jerseys. In the assembly area, automated Swiss machines produce precision-made parts with impeccable accuracy. "We have the machines programmed to make exactly what we want," says Adam. "They don't require a lot of human supervision." One such unit features a robotic arm that gently buffs an aluminum rod for a gun chamber with the care of the best shoe-shine attendant. Not far away, a forty-pallet robot system chugs down the assembly line, turning out all-aluminum markers soon to be covered by plastic, much like the type that covers cell phones.

Smart Parts is a family business with a reverse flow chart: The brothers oversee the operation and employ their parents as assistants. Bill Gardner Sr., a former lawyer, is the legal adviser, while Esther Gardner, a for-

Paint(ball) by Numbers

- Paintball is played in more than 60 countries around the world
- More than 11 million people play paintball in the United States
- Paintball is the third most popular extreme sport in the United States, trailing only skateboarding and inline skating
- 7,600 paintball teams competed in more than 325 U.S. tournament events in 2003
- 1.4 million people play paintball more than 15 times per year
- 90% of these players are between the ages of 12 and 24. 85% are male.
- The average paintballer spends \$44 every time he plays, and nearly \$100 each time he visits a paintball retail shop.
- 45% of frequent players come from households with incomes of more than \$50,000.

Source: Paintball Sports International



Combine the allure of video games with the benefit of a cardiovascular workout and you've got paintball, says Bill Gardner '86

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mer chemical engineer, is the accounts payable manager. The workforce at Smart Parts numbers one hundred and fifty and continues to grow. About 10 percent of the employees play paintball competitively. Among other perks, the Gardners allow employees to bring their dogs to work. On any given day, a handful of canines stroll the premises.

Marketing paintball products to a young, testos-

BRINGING NXL PAINTBALL TO THE MASSES IS THE GARDNERS' NEXT CHALLENGE. DICK CLARK, THE AGELESS BUSINESS AND ENTERTAINMENT ICON, AIDED THEIR CAUSE LAST YEAR BY HELPING TO GET THE NXL CHAMPIONSHIP ON TELEVISION.

terone-rich consumer base involves a dose of sex appeal. The company's Smart Parts Girls are six models, each representing a different product. Chrissy Fiok, twenty-two, a Smart Parts Girl featured in a dazzling white bikini on a \$4.95 poster and on a barrel "condom," the \$6 covers for the markers. She also works as a certified hydraulic forklift operator at the plant.

"It's the best job I've ever had," says Fiok, who wears blue jeans and a t-shirt while motoring around the warehouse. "Things are pretty laid back, as long as everyone does their job."

The Gardners credit their undergraduate economics degrees, in part, for their success. "I learned a lot at

Wooster," says Bill, who earned honors on his I.S. "The professors built you up and gave you the confidence to believe that you could be successful." Adds Adam, "I'm convinced that I learned as much at Wooster as I would have anywhere else, including the Ivy League."

These days, with a demanding schedule that includes trips to manufacturing plants in Europe and China, the Gardners have lost a little of the edge they enjoyed as professional paintball players — they won fifty-seven tournaments between 1988 and 2002. To feed their appetite for competition, Adam bought the Philadelphia Americans and Bill owns the Miami Effect, both members of the ten-team NXL.

Bringing NXL paintball to the masses is the Gardners' next challenge. Dick Clark, the ageless business and entertainment icon, aided their cause last year by helping to get the NXL championship on television. The brothers also are working to gain exposure through the motion picture industry. They recently hosted a charity event for kids in Los Angeles at the request of Penny Marshall, executive producer of such box-office hits as *A League of Their Own* and *Renaissance Man* and star of the late-seventies TV show, *Laverne and Shirley*.

"Paintball is a great game, ideal as a spectator sport," says Adam. "We're hoping that the NXL really takes off."

With their sights clearly set on this new goal, don't expect the Gardners to sit idly and wait for things to happen. **W**

Paintball Lingo



The Smart Parts "Nerve," a high-end marker

MARKER Paintball gun

AIR BALL An inflatable field with air-filled bunkers

GUPPIES The plastic pods that hold extra paintballs in your pack

HOPPER The loader that sits on top of your marker and holds paintballs

BUNKERING When a player runs up to an obstacle and shoots an opponent at close range

Class Notes

Spring 2005



Wooster Women of 1969 form pyramids in 1986 (left) and 2003. Linda Marsch Saif is at the top of each. 1986: (Middle, left to r) Jane Davidson Baessler, Libby Partch Anderson; (Bottom) Carolyn Carr Donaldson Finke, Jan Hollinger Jones, Dana Smith Tench. 2003: (Middle) Libby Anderson, Jane Baessler; (Bottom) Jan Jones, Kaye McCracken Roberts, Carolyn Finke

1925 Folkert "Kert" Kadyk '55 tells us that his mother, **Elizabeth "Betty" Herpel Kadyk**, will celebrate birthday number 102 on July 10. Betty resides in the Care Center at John Knox Village in Lee's Summit, MO. She enjoys chatting with each of her five sons by telephone. Kert says that Wooster alumni in the Kansas City area might visit Betty, or anyone could send a note. Her address is 600 NW Pryor Rd. B-412, Lee's Summit, MO 64081.

1927 In May **Alice Childs Grosjean** will celebrate her 100th birthday; **Mary Bourns** turns 100 in July. See more on page 22.

1930 At press time, we learned that **Thomas Mills** died on Apr. 6. At our 70th Reunion in 2000, Tom was the only classmate who actually marched in the parade (no golf cart for him!),

and he carried the banner, to boot! We send our condolences to son Tom Jr. and family.

1931 **Daniel K. Poling** is 96 and still preaching. He was the subject of a recent news article. Ralph Lord Roy wrote of Dan, "He came to the pulpit with the help of a walker, but his mind still is incisive and his sermon delivery spirited." Dan's father, Daniel A. Poling, also was a minister. And Dan's brother, Clark, was one of the four famed chaplains who perished at sea in 1943, after giving up their life jackets to other passengers on the sinking ship (see *Wooster*, Fall 2004, 1950 column, or *Sea of Glory* by David Poling '50 and Ken Wales).

1932 **Ford Ross** forwarded us the following. Frances Hopkins Irwin '63 sends news from the Hopkins family about Fran's mother, **Harriet**

Painter Hopkins: "We treasure Harriet's continuing sense of celebration with family and friends. Her first questions are often, 'Who is coming?' or 'How many will be there?' She joined our household in Bethesda, MD, for her birthday, to observe the carving of a pumpkin at Halloween and a turkey at Thanksgiving, and to smell cinnamon apples simmering at Christmas.

"Harriet appreciates the efforts that her family members make to see her. Her children and grandchildren (both near and far) visit when they can and sometimes bring the great-grandchildren. Cards and pictures from friends at Lakewood Presbyterian Church provide long-distance visits." Harriet celebrated her 95th birthday on March 24!

1933 The Class of '33 does not have an official secretary, since the death of **Ed Heyde**, so news of the 60 or so class

members is eagerly awaited. Please don't wait until you can no longer write or telephone. Write or call me (**Bert Colclaser**) or write to the Class Notes editor.

We are sad to say goodbye to **Bob Pfouts**, **Jim Hostettler**, and **Emily Koester Foster**. Sympathy is sent to their families. (Obituaries for Jim and Emily will appear in a later issue.) A note from **Elinor May Gattshall** told of Emily's death in March. Elinor and Emily went to high school together and lived in Hoover Cottage at Wooster. Eighty years of friendship!

1934 **Mildred Schuenemann Johnston** wrote late last fall from Wilmington, DE, where she walks two miles a day around her retirement community. "Today I am reminded of walking in the rain during our college days. Walking was our prime recreation on dates. "Fellow residents said today,

"There she is, out walking in the rain!" Maybe I'll be assigned an apartment with the mentally handicapped.

"Unlike my husband, I was not a straight-A student," Mildred added. "I'm not sure I even had any As, but my years at Wooster gave me the background for the happy, worthwhile life I lead at 91. I learned the value of an education: I still take five lifelong learning courses." Daily chapel and interactions with friends gave Mildred an appreciation for religion, music, and the fulfillment of helping others. "I usher at our Grand Opera House, write poetry, and enjoy life in every way."

We just heard that Mildred's husband, **Frederick L. Johnston**, died on Christmas Eve. He had advanced dementia, and Mildred visited him every day. We send our condolences.

Beryl Denny sends greetings and word that she again went to her Florida home for the winter. Good news — that she is so able!

Bob Baker sends the sad news that his wife, **Janet Baldwin Baker**, died on Oct. 4, 2004. We send sympathy to Bob and mourn yet another classmate.

Helen Hayward reports that Lois Black Bing '31, a new resident at my (**Elizabeth's**) retirement village, was Helen's big sister at Wooster. Lois's late husband, James Bing '30, got Helen interested in Wooster.

Lois joins other Wooster alumni here at Breckenridge Village: Helen Forry '36 and Murray '37 Drysdale, Betty Francis Spahn '31, Harry '43 and Ginnie Lee '42 Bigelow, Florence Dunbar Kerr '40, and Lucy Jo Atkinson '53. (There may be others.)

By now, you all know of the death last January of **Joseph Allen**. I (**Elizabeth**) remember Joe's enthusiasm for photographing state and county courthouses. He gave the collection to the Library of Congress, his long-time place of employment.

Margaret Hawkins Byington and her husband have visited every state. Margaret taught in public and church schools and maintained a Christmas gift exchange with **Ruth Valentine Foight**, her Wooster roommate, for "70 years," she says. "I believe that is a record!" Margaret

The wedding of Michelle Waugh '02 and Steven Brinkley, Sept. 5, 2004. (Left to r) Craig Duff, Josh Stoddard, '02s, groom, Emily Asmus '01, bride, Marni Gewirtzman '03, unidentified, Carly Black '02



feels like she's had a very full life.

Mary Lewis Ferry tells of life as a minister's wife and a mother, life in Michigan after Bill's death in 1994, and a move five years later to a retirement community near Marietta, Ohio.

R. Lynn Hutchinson taught biology at Bowling Green U in Ohio, Ursinus College in Pennsylvania, and the U of Southern Connecticut. He holds pleasant memories of Wooster. Lynn's wife died in 2003.

Kay Hunter Lanz tells of breaking her hip last fall and being temporarily placed in assisted living at her Spring Valley retirement home near San Diego. She laments some loss of eyesight and giving up driving. Her sons help her.

Most of us '34ers are losing various abilities and don't like it. If you can still write, tell us about yourself! **ELIZABETH LAPHAM WILLS**, 36500 Euclid Ave. A255, Willoughby, OH 44094.

1935 What's new, classmates?

VIOLA STARTZMAN ROBERTSON, 687 Greenwood Blvd., Wooster, OH 44691-4923, <VSR@aol.com>, and **RAY SHAMEL**, 61 Alcott St., Acton, MA 01720-5540.

1936 No news is not good news.

RALPH GILLMAN, 1256 Lisa Ann Dr., Akron, OH 44313.

1937 I (**Mollie**) made many attempts to get something on paper for this column but only got a full wastebasket. The problem is not a lack of news, but that mine is so bad. I'm still overwhelmed by the "tsunami" that overturned my world on Dec. 4, 2004, when **Roger Van Bolt**, my husband of 63 years, died.

Because Roger was still so active in civic affairs, historical societies,

gardening activities, committee and board meetings, lunches with "the boys," etc., his sudden death brought a deluge of condolence cards, phone calls, flowers, and reports of memorial gifts. I am grateful for all of the above, but it is so overwhelming.

The two questions I am asked most frequently are, "Was he sick long?" and "Did he suffer?" Since all of you had some contact with Roger during our years as co-secretaries, I assume you have the same questions.

Roger's death was unexpected. On Nov. 20, he was still leading an active, pain-free life. That morning he drove to the post office to mail a stack of letters, then cut the grass with a push mower, resting frequently because of shortness of breath. He applied boiled linseed oil to the handles of his garden tools before storing them for the winter and watched the Ohio State U football game. But he went to bed early, complaining of feeling very cold. Sunday he did not feel well.

Monday we drove to Ann Arbor to the U of Michigan Medical Center for a bronchoscopy, scheduled earlier because Roger's annual pulmonary X-ray had been "very abnormal." In the recovery room, the bronchologist, with tears in her eyes, informed us that the test confirmed inoperable lung cancer (not from smoking, but metastatic from somewhere else). Because of certain chronic conditions, Roger was not eligible for radiation or chemotherapy.

We were totally unprepared for the diagnosis. Roger had outlived two previous lung abnormalities. That day he was hospitalized for palliative treatment for his breathing; he had evidence of pneumonia. It was soon evident that he was failing, and after one week, the resident oncologist very gently explained that it was time for hospice care. On Dec. 2, Roger was transferred by ambu-

lance to a hospice in Flint. He died peacefully two days later, surrounded by family.

Three other deaths occurred recently. Annette Shaw writes that **Jim Shaw** died on Nov. 18, 2004. I knew he had been in poor health for some time — Roger kept in frequent contact with Jim by telephone. Kathy Bowman, **Myron Shetler's** niece, reports that Myron died on Nov. 25. And Mary Kay Marley, the conservator overseeing the care of **Esther Swift**, says that Esther died on Dec. 3. The number of our living classmates now stands at 98.

Please note that I (**Mollie**) have a new e-mail address. I expect to stay here in Flint, with the help of our children, John '68 and Margaret '71, and their families. They all live just an hour away in Ann Arbor.

MARTHA "MOLLIE" TILOCK VAN BOLT, 2020 Glendale Ave., Flint, MI 48503-2111, phone (810) 233-5107, <rvbmbyb@sbcglobal.net>.

1938 Esther Hunter informs us of the death of her husband, **Lloyd Hunter** (see Obituaries). We send our condolences. Lloyd attended Wooster, where his father, R. H. Hunter, had taught physics. He was born in a house on Bever Street. The family moved to Hudson, Ohio, but came back to Wooster when Lloyd was a teenager. He lived at home while attending the College and knew all of the Compton family. "He was truly a Wooster product," Esther says, "and I'm a Wooster Booster!" **LOUISE HARRIS SOUTHARD**, 950 Cherry St. Apt. 264, Memphis, TN 38117.

1939 In the Fall 2004 issue I (**Dean**) reported that I'd asked for a list of surviving classmates and a list of those who have e-mail addresses. The College sent me a list of about 180 of us, only six with e-mail addresses. Very interesting on two scores: First, I'm still amazed that there weren't other '39ers besides **Albine Farges Pettrignani** (all the way from France) and me at the 65th reunion.

Roberta Ebright Fohl wrote a sweet letter saying that she and

Gordon Fohl had registered for reunion but had found it necessary to cancel because of Gordon's hospitalization. Some six months later (Jan. 16, 2005), Gordon died. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and active in the Mathematics Club and Bard.

Albine sent a note with a picture of herself, her son, Maurice, my wife, Alice, and me at the reunion.

My other surprise was that so few of us are listed as having e-mail addresses. Are there more of you in cyberspace? It would be so much easier to keep in touch. One way or another, please send a message that you are alive and "hanging in there."
DEAN F. DAVIES, 23 Merriconeag Ln., Harpswell, ME 04079, <docdean@ghi.net>.

1940 In January, I (**Florence**), had a telephone chat with **Marion Plank**. About 17 years ago Marion decided to simplify by selling her home and moving into an apartment near the U of Pittsburgh. She chose this location because of its proximity to the College Club, an organization she has enjoyed for many years. The apartment is on the seventh floor, with a lovely view over the city.

Marion no longer takes many long trips, but several years ago, she flew to California to visit a friend and attend the Rose Bowl Parade. She spoke enthusiastically about the many horses there. Although riding is no longer a hobby, Marion still has a keen interest in horses.

Another class member who has downsized is **Mary Van Emman Soffel**. She sold her house and moved into an apartment in Canonsburg, PA. Since Mary only attended Wooster for her freshman year, you may not remember her. I have seen her from time to time because Canonsburg was also **Bob Kerr's** hometown.

Having had two hip replacements, Mary doesn't get around quite as well as she used to. But she says she still leads a very satisfactory life. One of her twin sons lives with her. The other son is married and has four children, several of them college age. Mary still drives. She likes to go places where there are



The wedding of Audra Warner '02 and Thomas Jurmanovich, June 26, 2004. (Back row, left to r) Ken Walzak, Elizabeth McCrary, '01s, Christie Boost Parker '03, Julieta Amorebieta (Spanish assistant); (Middle) Adrienne Moon '01, groom, Caroline Eaton '03; (Front) bride

young people.

In a note from **Doris Wilson Blanchard**, she enclosed the copy of an obituary for **Earl Fatkin**. Earl's wife, Annabel, notified Doris of Earl's death, since they had kept in touch over the years. A few days later, an e-mail message from Annabel related the circumstances of her husband's death and told of their happy 62-year marriage.

Do you remember our 50th reunion, when Earl came bouncing into the room wearing his freshman beanie? He still had that beanie when he died; he was very fond of Wooster. I replied to Annabel's e-mail and expressed our sympathy.

Doris now lives in Chesterfield, MO, and goes to Phoenix every two months or so to visit her daughter, Sandy, and her granddaughter, Breanna. She writes proudly of her granddaughter, who is a scholarship student in a fine college preparatory high school. Doris's younger sister, Janice Wilson George '50, also lives in Phoenix. Doris's newsy letter included a picture of the two children of another daughter, Karen Blanchard '75: Zoe Grace (8) and Jonathan (8), adopted from China and Vietnam.

Eleanor Bentley Gilbert's husband, Bob, sent word that Eleanor passed away on Jan. 4. Bob's apartment number has changed. His new address is 901 Seminole Blvd. #348, Largo, FL 3770.

Marguerite Lane Bowden has recovered nicely from her partial hip replacement and is able to go about without the help of a cane or walker. No doubt she's enthusiastically planning for our 65th reunion

in June. Plan to be there!

FLORENCE DUNBAR KERR, 52 Ranch Rd., Willoughby, OH 44094-5646, <fkerr02@webtv.net>, and **FRANK THATCHER**, 717 Maiden Choice Ln. #622, Baltimore, MD 21228-6175.

1941 **Jeanne Simmons Brand** spent Christmas in California visiting her new grandchild.

Edna Easton asks us to "pray for good health, peace, and goodwill." **Jean Kingsley** and **Bill Singer** reported health problems. We hope the next letter will be better.

An October article in *Newsday* featured the "love story" of **Harold** and **Edna Limouze** of Sayville, NY — written by Harold himself. He and Edna grew up together. Their families attended St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Huntington Station, NY, and they became close friends. When Harold came to Wooster, Edna went off to New Paltz Normal School, now part of SUNY. They remained friends, corresponding and seeing each other on visits home.

"At some point after we graduated from college, things began to change," Harold says, "but we were so used to being together that we didn't realize it. Edna and I started dating. In Sept. 1941, after one of those dates, I suddenly asked her, 'When are you going to marry me?' I hadn't planned on this, it just came out. Edna was taken aback for a split second. Then she wrapped her arms around my neck and kissed me."

The couple sped up their wedding plans when Harold entered the Army in WWII. After the war, he

taught and then became the principal of Sayville High School; Edna taught in Connetquot School District. They have two children, five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Harold and Edna are now retired and travel frequently.

The sparseness of news brings to mind the slogan of the Ohio lottery: "To be a winner, you have to be a player." It also brings to mind the difference between a pinch-hitter and a substitute. A pinch-hitter is sent in by the coach to do a better job than the regular player. We all know there is no one who can do a better job as co-secretary than the late **Jim Blackwood**. So **Lee Culp**, as coach, looked down the bench — way down — and picked a substitute, **Len**, to fill the empty spot.

These days we are all traveling less and spending more time at the doctor. But please, just send a postcard to help us avoid the note under '41: "Nothing to report this time."
JEANNE SIMMONS BRAND, 7093 Village Dr., Mason, OH 45040-9249, and **LEONARD W. SNYDER**, 422 2nd St. NW, New Philadelphia, OH 44663-1853.

1942 I (**Celia**) had hoped for news in my holiday mail and received a little.

Lyndhurst Presbyterian Church near Cleveland, where Harry Bigelow '43 was senior pastor for 25 years, honored Harry and **Ginnie Lee Bigelow** by naming the newly-decorated foyer "The Bigelow Foyer." Ginnie writes, "We were surprised and pleased. It's a lovely, large room with a fireplace, in between the sanctuary and the education building."

The Bigelows live in Breckenridge Village in Willoughby, Ohio, where they are very happy and have made many friends. (See the 1934 column for several other Wooster grads there. They can have their own Wooster club!)

Ginnie, our class president, reminds us that our 65th reunion will be in 2007 — coming right up!

Bob Prentice writes from Abilene, TX, "On Sept. 1, I shut down my office after some 35 years and moved my files and furniture to our enclosed patio here at home and set up the 'new' office. I still do some

consulting work. I wish I'd made that move several years ago."

Dorothy Robins Mowry says, "This is my 20th anniversary of lecturing for Phi Beta Kappa at colleges and universities in the eastern U.S. — and my last year. I closed out this phase of my life with a speech at Syracuse U, 'Public Diplomacy and Terrorism.' The terrorism part is constant front page news; the public diplomacy part struggles with inadequate finances and little clout. Through the Public Diplomacy Council, an offshoot of former USIA activities, my colleagues and I push for greater support and use of this vital phase of foreign policy." I (Celia) wish we could have heard your lecture.

A note from **Marcia Logee Esterly** tells of the death of **Barbara McConnell Kempf**. We send our sympathy to her children. **CELIA RETZLER GATES**, 1446 Bellevue, Wooster, OH 44691, <rlgcmg@sssnet.com>.

1943 First, we have a correction. **Chuck Sommers** and his daughter, Charlotte '80, each live near Birmingham, Michigan, not Alabama as previously reported. Chuck was a long-time pastor of a Presbyterian church there, and his daughter now serves as the pastor of Northminster Presbyterian Church in nearby Troy.

This report consists of information gleaned from notes on Christmas cards. Two Annes had hip replacements. **Jiny Lewis Bradley** writes that **Anne Freeman Conkle** had her second one just before Thanksgiving. Jiny expected Anne to come and see her in January because she "loves the island (off the coast of Seattle, where Jiny lives) as much as I do." Jiny's son, Richard, and his wife planned to be with Jiny for Christmas. He's a zoology instructor at Ohio State U.

Betty Vandersall Hanks says that **Anne Harms Cox** had a hip replacement on Betty's birthday, Nov. 29. Earlier, in the middle of November, all four of Betty's children came to help her celebrate her 85th birthday. I (Ida) phoned Anne, who lives in the Cleveland area, just

before Christmas, when she was snowed in. Healthwise, she was doing fine.

Phoebe Houser Hunt says her life is "just the same as last year." In the Spring 2004 issue of *Wooster*, Phoebe and husband Hu both reported the aches and pains associated with over-80-year-olds but were thankful for blessed help (folks from assisted living), their friends, and each other.

My husband, Les, and I (Ida) are also thankful that we still have each other. In the senior citizen complex where we live, widows and widowers outnumber couples by far.

Fannie Tekushan Filkins notes, "We are blessed that our grandchildren live in the Ann Arbor area." Fannie and her husband, Lyle, have lived in the same house for many years. We visited them when the children were quite small.

Lois Wilson Scott Schmidt and husband Tom spent a week in Reno at bridge tournament. Three of Lois's four daughters came to visit her there. Becki, Lois's youngest daughter, went with her to New England to see the fall foliage. Lois has been around the world three times and decided it was time to go to the end of the world — Timbuktu — which she did. She writes, "Now, all I have to look forward to is a trip into space. I hear they're working toward making that commercially possible...if I have enough money and years..."

After two cataract and laser surgeries, **Alice McVetty Vars** can drive unrestricted, which pleases her. She loves her van, which took her and her husband, Gordon, to their favorite Shaw Festival. A "FAN-atic about the Shaw Festival," she says, "I attended each of the plays between three and seven times!" Alice does a lot of volunteering. "I'm having 'fun' trying to teach my adult church group how to think symbolically." She says that Wooster taught her how to really think.

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1944 Sad news comes from **Edith Beck Stockton**. Her beloved husband,



The wedding of Bryan Partridge and Katie Hoffman, '00s, Aug. 28, 2004. (Back row, left to r) Meg Burger, Nellika Little, '00s, Dub Swinehart '01, Rob Benavides '99, HR Gill '01, Parker Coffman '00, groom, Peter Wilson, Loic Pritchett, '00s, Book Chrobak '99; (Front) Maura Finn, Jen Hayman, Becca Turner Benavides, Ali Jones Coffman, '00s, bride, Hayley Wrubel '00, Megan Vogt '01

Ed, died of heart disease on Nov. 7. A graduate of the U of Idaho, he attended Wooster reunions and had many friends among our classmates. Until his retirement, Ed was a chemical engineer for Hercules Inc. Edith has four children, 11 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, and all have been most helpful. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Edith in her loss.

Male Call this issue went to **Jim Thompson** in Minneapolis. (Male Call has cycled through the men in our class and is in its second round. Jim was first called in Oct. 1993. Time flies!) He is the historian for his Congregational church, working on a 100-year history. The church is over 150 years old but is celebrating 100 years at its current location.

Jim keeps his Wooster contacts green. In three of the last four years, he has participated in Scots in Service, one of the most senior men to do so. He says meeting other Wooster grads is a great experience. They set up an assembly line at a participating supermarket and pack boxes of food for the needy.

Jim's next big trip was planned for February, a visit to his eldest son in Seattle. He may even see **John Sproul** roaming around.

Looking at her grandchildren, **Phyllis Johnson Havener** has noticed the same thing that I (Russ) have. No one's little any more! Her youngest, Kristin, is 11. Mine, Alexander, is 14. Phyllis's three oldest grands are looking at colleges. I have one of those, too. Phyllis says her fondest wish is that they all have as great a time at the college they go to as she did at Wooster. I'll buy that!

Phyllis is irreplaceable. She is still

active physically (tennis plus exercise class), intellectually (literature group of Ohio State U Women's Clubs), culturally (symphony orchestra season tickets plus ballet), and in service (Sunday church services plus packing for the Mid-Ohio Food Bank eight or nine times a year). Where do you find the energy?

Al and **Ann Linnell** are doing nicely and sent pictures to prove it. Al didn't make it to the reunion but had a pretty good excuse — triple bypass surgery. The Linnells' big recent event was the arrival in December of a new granddaughter, Emma Louise Kremer McCarthy.

Bob Brown reports that his wife, Ruby, had a slight stroke back in November but is doing well now.

Hank and **Jinny Clark Miller** checked in to wish us "all the best." They took a great Caribbean cruise over the holidays but weren't impressed with the islands.

Al Spreng showed up for roll call via e-mail, saying only that he doesn't have much to report. Guess he's following Satchel Paige's advice to "not look back, because something might be gaining on you." It's reassuring to hear from you, Al.

Don Coates toured Norwegian fjords and glaciers and says that the scenery compares favorably with Switzerland and New Zealand. He also took "many back-and-forths from Florida to the Blue Ridge Mountain condo." In his spare time, Don reads, plays bridge and chess, goes for beach walks, does research, and attends plays and symphonies. And he's discovered the joy of cooking. (Hope he has a chef's hat...)

The "usual routine" of our class president, **Bob Johnson**, was



Babs Bittner
Campbell '46 and
Denny on Babs'
80th birthday

inhibited somewhat by the Ohio winter weather (buried in snow). His whole family, including three great-grandchildren, was with him prior to Christmas, just before the bad weather set in. Bob volunteers with Ohio Reads and helps teach English as a second language. He sends good wishes.

John Bender is still smiling about the "Third Bender Reunion" in St. Louis. In three days, with several digital cameras in action, almost 300 pictures were taken. At Christmas John's family surprised him with a new, speedy computer. His wife bought a commercial-strength shredder and instructed him to shred some 27 baskets of old records.

The Indiana U Medical School asked John to repeat his annual symposium for sophomore med students. It deals with "testosterone and all its androgenic ramifications."

Margaret Fish Lake and husband Jim turned out their usual impressive Christmas letter, replete with colorful family pictures (Megan, the much-loved family dog, appears in several). The letter also showcased a number of excellent photos from our big 60th reunion.

I think we should hold our next gathering at the Lakes' house. It was lovely to start with, and they're adding a greenhouse, exercise equipment, and an entertainment center. The surrounding Arizona skies and landscape are certainly beautiful. They won a photo contest with a striking picture of a sunset — taken from their front yard.

See the 1946 column for news of **Bill** and **Pat Workman '46 Foxx**. Remember to seize the moment and fully enjoy the good times that

come, along with those other times. **ANNE MELONE DEIDRICK**, 342 Wycliffe Dr., Houston, TX 77079-7131, <doft@juno.com>, and **RUSSELL HALEY**, 653 Medford Leas, Medford, NJ 08055, <elderguy44@yahoo.com>.

1945 Here's some relocation news: "We (**Sam** and **Marion Riebe Ronsheim**) moved from Dansville and our lovely farm and waterfall to Poughkeepsie, NY. We have two young granddaughters (4 and 6) here who adore ballet. Son Paul and his wife, Jody, have also given us two grandchildren, Peter and Jennifer. Jennifer graduated from Macalester College, and Peter has begun at another small college in Minnesota. Our daughter, Martha, lived up the road from us in Dansville, and we miss her more than the waterfall. Our new address is 168 Academy St. #121, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. We invite Wooster friends to visit.

"It's a long drive to Wooster... but God willing, we shall get there for the annual Functional Ceramics Workshop in April, with three great potters to give demonstrations. We'll eat dinner at Quailcrest Farm, north of town, and see many potter friends. We enjoy the chance to learn new approaches to clay and see the forms that other potters work with."

Reunion time is here — our 60th — on June 9-12. Your committee hopes you have all responded to the reservation materials, so the Class of '45 will have a superb attendance during a fun gathering. Did you complete the reunion questionnaire and return it to the alumni office? Your secretary (**Margaret**) will use

these for future class notes. If you missed the deadline, please complete it anyway and return it to me.

Everyone received class president **Al Kean**'s encouraging letter. As he reminds each of us, "ever remember, never forgetting our love for you, dear Wooster U," let us come together on the campus of our alma mater. **MARGARET SHREVE REIMAN**, 1860 Burbank Rd., Wooster, OH 44691-2170.

1946 The winter holidays brought out the news-i-ness of a few classmates. Modern technology has again invaded the lives of fellow octogenarians. (Could that be us? I, **Arol**, am there, too, come May.)

I agree with **Bill '44 and Patricia Workman Foxx**, that cardiologists look at us with new interests and equipment. Bill and Pat updated their cell phone and changed their provider. Now they are in touch with the world, wherever they may be. They also had 10 computer sessions and are "substantially beyond e-mail" with their upgraded laptop. The Foxxes visited the new National Constitution Center in Philadelphia and recommend it highly. And they completely winterized their Hartwood cottage, finishing the year in style.

Barbara Bittner Campbell and Denny combined their investment property acquisitions with a trip to Belize, near Guatemala. Last May found them in Montana to see a daughter graduate as a surgical technician. "Babs" also joined in the "octo-generation," with a surprise trip to Colorado, a balloon ride followed by a champagne breakfast. September found them on Amtrak to San Francisco, including a peaceful trip past Lake Tahoe.

Closer to home (San Diego), **Laverne "Ginny" Zavala McDonough** sent a photo of her new home in the Warner Springs area of San Diego County, called Sunshine Summit. She described the scene after a thunderstorm and hail followed by swiftly falling snow.

Instead of a newsletter, **Nancy Parkinson Brennan** sent a pictorial array of happenings in her life last year. It included a photo of "Nancy Turns 80." She had a surprise trip to

Boston with old friends to celebrate.

To all of us, Happy 80th Birthday! **AROL NOBLE ESCAMILLA**, 4974 Dafter Dr., San Diego, CA 92102-1362, phone/fax (619) 262-2128.

1947 The spring news is fun to write because of the holiday letters. **Dede** and I (**Cornelia**) shared the task.

But some earlier notes fell through the cracks at the magazine office. Here's a summary.

Jim Grifone and his wife had to cancel a vacation to New York State to visit old friends and relatives when Louise fell and broke her ankle. Jim reported that Genny Mustin '46, widow of the late **Harry Mustin**, celebrated her 80th birthday with her children last summer. Jim, close to turning 80 himself, says he still appreciates "what the French call 'joie de vivre,'" and adds, "Regards to all."

Bill Spicer of Ottawa, IL, still works part-time as an insurance underwriter for Northwestern Mutual Life.

Rhoe Benson tore a leg muscle last summer and went through the "old routine:" surgery, wheelchair, cane and finally back on pedal digits. He's probably playing golf again by now.

Rex Hartzler's new e-mail address is <rexhartzler@juno.com>.

Now for the newer news! **Mary Baker Dickerson**'s letters are always bright and cheerful. Last fall she sent an October article from the *Canton Repository* telling about the 2,500-year-old mummy that's been housed at the College since the 1880s. The mummy was examined with a CAT scan and computer at Wooster Community Hospital. The tests revealed that she suffered from arthritis and scoliosis. (So what else is new?) The test did reveal one surprise: "an encapsulated, granular mass in the right thorax." The theory is that the object was deliberately placed inside the body — but why?

"Because of a few small health problems," **Connie Walleth Ades** writes, "we are not traveling as we did. A few months ago, I had a second rotator cuff surgery. The good news is that I do not have a third shoulder. I'm back in the Y pool for

morning swims.

"Our church and the U of South Illinois fill much of our time. Our four grandchildren are growing up so fast and are fun. The oldest is now looking at colleges." The Ades' daughter, Elizabeth, and her husband, who have lived in Belgium for 16 years, will return to the States with their three French-speaking sons and settle in the St. Louis area.

Cameron and Lorraine

Duckworth Lyon do a little traveling to visit family and friends. All three of their children live in California, so their 16 family members see each other more often. They have grandsons at Dartmouth College, Cornell U, and UC-Santa Cruz; one graduated from Stanford U.

The Lyons keep busy with church and community projects. They attended a Wooster alumni gathering at the Oakland Museum in January. Lorraine wrote, "It was just 60 years ago on Christmas Eve that Cam was given a new B-24 to fly overseas, and about 57 years since he came back to Wooster, when we got together."

Dorothy Aten Armitage and husband Brian celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last June. Their daughter and her two children are frequent visitors. The Armitages attended an Elderhostel in Mansfield, Ohio, and briefly visited Wooster. Dorothy does genealogy, so they visited graveyards and photographed headstones in Huron County.

Brian gardens while Dorothy chairs her AAUW finance committee and encourages young friends and relatives to be politically active. She says, "We try to support our aging and ailing local friends as much as possible. Now it is my turn — it comes with the territory."

The highlights of a Christmas letter from **Mollie Brown Hopper** and husband Bill were news of a Thanksgiving visit from two of their three daughters and their families, including a new bride and groom (a grandson married in May 2004), and a trip by train across Canada in October. Instead of seeing beautiful colored leaves, though, they saw snow from Vancouver to Toronto.

Bill also made what he says was his last trip to Cyprus, working with

30 Iranian elders and ministers. (Mollie and Bill were missionaries in Iran and Pakistan.) But they plan a trip to Eastern Europe in May.

We express our sympathy to **Ruth Swan Steffen** and her family on the sudden death of son-in-law Steve Stavar. Steve's wife, Chris, and her family visited the Steffens in July. It takes two pages to list the Steffens' children and grandchildren, with all of their accomplishments!

Jo Bowman Ashmore no longer lives in Hawaii or Billings but is closer to her three daughters, especially her oldest, Nancy. Reach Jo at Box 461, Northfield, MN 55057-0461. Jo says she is still beautiful, funny, and healthy — cannot ask for more.

Don Fluke and his wife, Pepper, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last March at their home in Durham, NC. In May they joined a river cruise in Belgium and Holland with a group of friends of 50 years. They then spent six days in Utrecht, where Pepper took a pottery workshop in 1983. She is an accomplished potter; a photo shows Don and Pepper in Raleigh at the Carolina Designer Craft Show.

"We plan to drive to Wooster in April for Pepper to attend the Functional Ceramics Workshop," Don wrote. "I will get up the hill to the campus, but gee, I won't know anybody there!"

Another incurable traveler, **Beegee Guinther Budd**, spent two weeks at Siesta Key, FL, near Sarasota, with three other bridge players. Last Memorial Day weekend, she took a bus trip to Windsor, where she passed up gambling for a visit with **Viv Tuck Smith**. She also had a day tour of Ashtabula's covered bridges, some time in Los Angeles museums, and a river cruise in the Sonoma and Napa Valleys, tasting wines and visiting artists.

When Beegee's not traveling, she keeps busy with activities in and around Cleveland. She closes with, "No plans for trips overseas."

At last, a long letter from **Betty Marker Granicher** in Denver. She says, "The old bod's deteriorating, but I'm still happy and greet each new day as a gift." Betty and her cousin, Wendy ("my sherpa and

housemate," Betty says), enjoy traveling. A cruise last February from Santiago around Cape Horn to Buenos Aires and an auto trip to California in July to touch base with family were highlights.

While Wendy took side trips on the cruise, Betty rested. They enjoyed "fun dinner tablemates." One couple invited them to go along on a cruise this February from Sydney to Auckland — and if all went well, that's what they did!

Barb Eicher Thomas writes from Texas, "Bill and I are as healthy as nearly-80-year-olds can be." Bill still has his export business, and Barb does his books "when he can catch me!" She bowls and mentors at the elementary school.

If you'd like to read any of the letters quoted here, let Dede or me know. We'll be glad to share. Keep well. Write soon, you too, gentlemen.

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1948 Kay Deen Porter says that all is well in Victoria, British Columbia. Son John is a freighter pilot, and son David lives in Newfoundland. Kay and Alex spent the holidays with their daughter, Susan.

Liz Baker Benson reports that Rhoe Benson '47 still works at the C.O.W. golf course (see '47 notes).

Esther Stottle Harris returned to a white, snowy Spencerport, NY, after a week in Hawaii. Her grandson is stationed on Oahu.

Geri Rice Burden keeps busy with church, club work, volunteering, and genealogy. Husband Bill '49 celebrated his 80th birthday at the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome in Rhinebeck, NY, vicariously flying various types of vintage aircraft.

I (Mel) learned that **Bob Taylor** had heart surgery last year. Thankfully, he is recovering.

Jean Malkin and **Mal Boggs** took a six-week trip to Texas. Jean wanted to see blue bonnets blossoming. While there, they saw Gene Markley '49 and Livy DePastina Bernabei '47.

Speaking of Texas, I (Mel) had a great holiday telephone reunion with Maneeta Shaffer Heckathorne '47. I reminded her that 55 years ago she was my maid of honor. We had a ball reminiscing.

Tom and Ruth Lautzenheiser Maxwell still live in Thousand Oaks, CA, but are looking for a senior care facility. Tom leads several hikes each month and planned to participate again in a Sierra Club service project in February at Lassen National Park. Ruth will visit with their daughter, Susan, in Florida, while Tom spends two weeks at Amazonias, a camp on a tributary of the Ucayali in Peru.

Alfreda Diggs Aldridge says, "The real estate business is quite active." She's planning a trip to South Africa.

We're happy to hear that **Marian Loehlin Davies** has recovered from health problems. She traveled to Austin, TX, for a family reunion, to St. Louis to visit her daughter, and to Washington, DC, to visit family and do some sightseeing.

"I am very happy about my move," writes **Eileen Johnson Fitzgerald**. She's in a new house in a senior area in Cary, NC, near Raleigh.

Jo Bailey Keck wrote to congratulate me (**Betsy**) on the new additions to our family, two black and white cats. Jo also has cats and is concerned about coyote sightings in her area of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Donajean Swartz Durkin went back to Florida for the winter. She belongs to a round-robin group that shares and critiques poems via e-mail. Donajean planned to fly to Atlanta to see her grandson receive an Eagle Scout award.

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1949 Thanks so much to those who included me (**Evelynn**) on your Christmas letter list. I really appreciate hearing from you and keeping track of your doings and life events. It makes this job fun. If you wrote a



The wedding of Daniel Buccier '01 and Kristen Dershak '03, Aug. 7, 2004. (Back row, left to r) Matt Schneider '01, Britt Horton '03, groom, bride, Keili Meyer, Jess Johnson, Jen Bongiovanni, '03; (Front) Becca Stinson '03, Shayna Sharpe Trappenberg '99

Christmas newsletter and didn't send me one, I'd be grateful to get a copy, to help with class notes.

Betsy Jones Hayba took a very different post-Christmas trip. She and her granddaughter (21) went on a cruise. They had a great time. While flying from Usahara, Argentina, to Santiago, Chile, one of the naturalists told Betsy that the two best colleges in the U.S. were Wooster and Princeton. How about that?

Lloyd Cornelius catches us up. "Just read your question in the fall issue of Wooster. I can't compete for the oldest grandchildren but maybe for the youngest. My wife and I had four children. We now have 11 grandchildren. The oldest is nine, the youngest is six months old.

"I haven't gone very far in this world. I was born in Wooster and still live here after 78 years. After graduation, I worked at my father's auto dealership until we closed it in 1963. We had our auction on the day that John F. Kennedy was assassinated, Nov. 22, 1963.

"I then went to work for Judge Adrian Miller in the Wayne County Common Pleas Court. I served as bailiff and assignment commissioner from 1964-75. During the latter part of that period, I attended evening law school classes at the U of Akron. Upon graduating and passing the Ohio State Bar Exam, I became director of law for the City of Wooster, serving from 1975 until 1990, when I retired.

"We still live in Wooster. Our addresses are: Lloyd and Mary Cornelius, 1906 Neal Dr., Wooster, OH 44691-1955 and <lmcornel@ssnet.com>. The phone number is (330) 345-6894. Feel free to write,

call, or e-mail."

Judy Miller Loveless stayed in Traverse City, MI, until after Christmas this year to welcome her first great-grandchild, a little girl. She was due on Dec. 14 but did not make her appearance until Dec. 26. Judy got to hold her when she was only three hours old. What a thrill!

Right after that, Judy traveled to her home in Leesburg, FL, and was "computer-less" (a frustrating thing for a while. She was very fortunate — only some trim blew off of her house during the '04 hurricanes.

Dorothy Weiss Follette and Walt had an exciting year. After many tests, Walt found he had a blocked artery. They put him on medication, and he's doing just fine. Two weeks after he came home from the hospital, their car was hit by a teenager in a pick-up truck. The car was totaled, and Dottie was squashed by the airbag and seat belt.

It took two months for her ribs and muscles to heal. We are certainly glad that everything turned out OK. The Follettes were still able to go on a cruise down the Rhine (**Evelynn's** dream) from Antwerp to Basel. This was the land of Dottie's ancestors (Mennonites who had to flee).

Last February the cold, snowy winter in Ohio drove **Connie Wiseman Brown** and Larry south to their timeshare on Captiva Island, FL. They played lots of golf, enjoyed the sunshine, and renewed friendships. Captiva was hit very hard by Hurricane Charley, and the Browns hoped that things would be ready for occupancy this winter. Their first great-grandchild, Leah, was born in Mar. 2004, and they look forward to the July wedding of a granddaughter,

a graduate of the U of Michigan School of Business. The Browns spent last summer at Crystal Lake, MI.

I (**Evelynn**) had a couple of weeks at Crystal Lake years ago and loved it. Bob and I enjoy our new life in Colorado. The altitude, 7,009 ft., doesn't seem to bother either of us very much. I had hoped to have my knees fixed before this and then go out to Southern California to our timeshare in January and February, but it didn't work out.

I am not looking forward to the surgery at all, but I *am* looking forward to my knees being well. Our yard needs plants and flowers, and I love to dig in the dirt. Come see us this summer. The house may be a mess, but the guest beds are ready and waiting. We'd be thrilled to see any of you.

Mary Ellen Frazier Lloyd and Hal sent a brief but full note. They had two college graduations: granddaughter Kate from Smith College and son-in-law Christopher Gilsdorf from Elmhurst College; a big family reunion in Philadelphia in August; and the 50th birthday of daughter Anna Katherine.

Mary Jean Bennett Clouse and Ellis wrote, "All's well at this Clouse house — same address, kids, grandkids, all busy as always. Ellis's work with World of Travel took us on cruises on the *American Queen* on the Mississippi and later on the new *Queen Mary 2* from New York to Quebec and back, by way of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland."

All was well until November, when MJ took a sudden trip to the emergency room and spent about three days unconscious on life support. The doctor told Ellis to call in the family, and they all came. But to everyone's amazement, after lowering the digoxin level, MJ came back to life and seems to have no permanent ill effects. She owes much to everyone's prayers and feels that she's something of a miracle.

Ellie Hagerman and **David Castle** celebrated Christmas 2003 on a Disney Caribbean cruise ship with all of their family — a surprise planned by son Rick. Far from shepherds and stables, it was still "magic" and memorable. The Castles are at Habitat for Humanity in Koinonia,

Americus, GA. Ellie is hospitality coordinator, and David is a resident board member. They bought a cute house in the woods in one of the two villages there. It is a ferro-cement dome design.

David's cancer shows enough activity that he's on hormone shots every four months. It takes a bit longer to recover from minor ailments, but he and Ellie are grateful for health and energy.

Bruce and Betty Kilgore Grandy had a wonderful holiday in Houston with their daughter Sue Grandy '79, and her husband, Jeff Zupanic '77. The Grandys flew to Houston on the day after Christmas; it was quite a hassle. Once there, though, they had a great time. Sue and Jeff are very happy in their new environment. The Grandys' granddaughter, Emily (daughter of Carol and Rob Grandy '76), was accepted into Wooster, '05-'06.

Please send your news to me (**Evelynn**). Happy spring, may peace begin to come to our world.

EVELYNN CHEADLE THOMAS, 169 Bayview Circle, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, <eethomas@mailbug.com>.

1950 A big thank you to those who responded to my (**Jay's**) plea to add to my C.O.W. correspondents.

A message of great news — almost a resurrection — was among my first Christmas cards! It came from **Barbara Cross Cameron**, who had a very fortunate outcome after being misdiagnosed with *myasthenia gravis*. In the hospital on a respirator, she had a near-death experience, including an encounter with her late husband, Don. Barbara spent a year getting off of the medication (that she never needed in the first place) and is almost back to normal, enjoying her children and grands (ages 6 and 15) and every day to the fullest!

Bob Lawther shares news of his involvement in what will be a high-profile medical malpractice suit to be heard in the Ohio Supreme Court. The defendant's lawyer was Dr. Kevorkian's lawyer in the "right to die" cases. As the Common Pleas Judge, Bob received the court records and a "mountain of briefs,"

which he read last summer. He then granted a new trial, which was denied by another judge and sent to the Court of Appeals. We hope that Bob can tell us the outcome at reunion, but we all know "the wheels of God (and the high courts) grind exceeding slowly."

Charles and Ann Poling's Christmas card brought news of a change of address — and lifestyle. When in Portland, OR, for a luncheon in May, they stayed at the Holiday Park Plaza, at the suggestion of a friend. The scenario developed rapidly: they sold their home of 33 years in a coastal town and moved to the big city! Ann grew up nearby; her parents lived at the Plaza briefly.

The Polings are "co-grandparents" with Evelyn Cheadle Thomas '49 and her husband, Bob. The Thomases also moved last year, from the smoggy Los Angeles suburbs to a Colorado mountain valley.

Helen Bentley's growing health issues have necessitated her move into a nursing facility. She enjoys hearing from friends. Reach Helen through her sister, Catherine Browning, at 109 Neuchatel Ln., Fairport, NY 14450.

Gladys "Hap" Aldrich Lauback says that way back in 1950, she never envisioned pushing 80 — did any of us? Hap, who lost her husband of 49 years in 2002, had four bouts with pneumonia in five years and is on oxygen 24/7. But she still lives in her home of many years.

Joyce Heath Chapman is looking forward to seeing lots of classmates on campus in June, as am I (Jay). Joyce's husband, Tom, passed away in Oct. 2003. Two children who live in the area have been very supportive during this time, which also included hurricane damage.

Joyce stays in touch with **Carolyn McAllister Hodgson**, whose husband, **Don Hodgson**, died in Feb. 2004.

JANICE WILSON GEORGE, 19476 N. Coyote Lakes Pkwy., Surprise, AZ 85374.

1951 Some classmates are trying to keep the troubled airlines solvent. Chuck '49 and **Heather Beck Southwick** enjoyed family trips from Boulder,

CO, to Maine and New York. They also went to the Bahamas last April, Madison, WI, and Wooster (for Chuck's 55th reunion) in June, and Europe in August.

In Torino, Italy, Chuck presented a paper on 45 years of primate fieldwork in India at the 20th Congress of the International Primatological Society. The congress established an award for scientists and conservationists in developing nations — the Charles Southwick Award in Conservation Education.

Heather still works with the Volunteer Connection, an organization that places 200 volunteers in more than 30 organizations in Boulder County, and the Boulder Humane Society. The Southwicks have become grandparents once more. Their daughter, Karen, and her husband, George, adopted a baby girl, Ann Kristina, from an orphanage near St. Petersburg, Russia. Anna joins brother Nikolas (4).

Florence Reeder Morrison reports an unusually busy year. Last spring she and her husband, Elliot, spent five days in Cleveland caring for grandchildren while their mother (the Morrisons' daughter), Barb '77, attended a conference in Chicago. In May Elliot preached at the bicentennial celebration of the Honey Creek Presbyterian Church in New Carlisle, Ohio, north of Dayton. He served that congregation right out of seminary and is the only former pastor still living.

In July the Morrisons went to Fairbanks, Alaska, for First Presbyterian Church's centennial celebration. Son Paul's family traveled from Anchorage and daughter Robin came from her fish camp on the Yukon to join them. Last June Florence and Elliot left Michigan in their camper for an 11,000-mile trip to Alaska via many of the gravel roads north of the Alaskan Highway.

In September they drove to Ithaca, NY, for their church's bicentennial. Elliot represented the earliest era in the church's history. In October they drove to Alliance, Ohio, for a church sesquicentennial. Barb and her daughters joined them. Then the Morrisons went to Elliot's 50th reunion at McCormick Seminary.

Despite this busy schedule,

Florence chairs Mackinac Presbyterian's committee on ministry and is setting up workshops for the 2006 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women. Elliott volunteers as a probation monitor and in Kiwanis.

Art Merrill works with the AARP tax help program for the IRS and Minnesota Revenue. He finds it challenging to discover new ways to help people save money. Art's wife, Margaret Z. Morris, has virtually retired, doing occasional work for the presbytery. Her chief occupation now is as a watercolor artist. She finds joy in sharing her work with others who appreciate her sense of color, light, composition, and design. In March the couple made a trip south to visit friends, traveling partially on the Natchez Trace.

The high point of last year for Margaret and Art was a journey to Scandinavia to see son Bob and Gwen in Stockholm. Both work for the State Department at the embassy. Art and Margaret took a quick ferry trip to Tallinn, Estonia, a lovely medieval city. They also took a "Norway in a Nutshell" tour and traveled to Uppsala, where their family spent a sabbatical (1966-67). Finally, they went to the island of Gotland, off the Swedish coast, with Bob and Gwen. Art also got to Colorado for the 150th anniversary of the Woodstock School in India, with five classmates from the class of 1946.

In Reno, NV, **Ann Kershner Wood** still works at the library on Mondays and takes Elder College classes when she can. She had two birding trips, to Bodega Bay and to Fallon, for their annual bird festival. Last June Ann and her husband, Bill, took their RV to Child's Meadows and met Bill's Navy friends for a week of exploring and reminiscing.

That month Ann also went to the Lye Creek area of Nevada for another week of flower viewing. With women friends, she took two tent camping trips. Her family gathered at Palm Beach, FL, for Thanksgiving. Ann enjoyed snorkeling at John Pennykamp State Park, where she saw 15 parrotfish of all colors. In the Everglades she saw 10 birds that were new to her, many alligators, and even one crocodile.

Carol Hansen Carlson and

husband Jack attended the high school graduations of their three oldest grandchildren, conveniently held on June 10, 11, and 12, 2004. Carol had a real "memory lane" trip to Sauganash in the northwest corner of Chicago, where she grew up. "It was probably our last reunion to celebrate our wonderful childhoods in an ideal environment. The 'kids' now range in age from 65 to 85."

Carol met neighbors and classmates from nursery school and even toured her old home. She and Jack attended her former church, Sauganash Community, where the speaker was the grandson of President Truman, Clifton Daniel, who lives in the community.

Carol produces wonderful crops of fruits and vegetables, which make the couple almost self-sufficient. She plays in two golf leagues and notices an improvement in her game (a big change from our 50th reunion, which she attended in a wheelchair!).

Ann Menold Kenney's trip to Ireland gave her visions of castles, narrow twisting roads, and beautiful countryside. She now knows why it's called the Emerald Isle.

Allen and Helen Gurley Heinmiller of Waverly, Ohio, continue to enjoy retirement community activities. They participate in the "proud resident" program, entertaining visitors who are potential residents of Bristol Village. Their Elderhostel weeks have included time in Berlin, Ohio, the center of the largest Amish community in the U.S., and learning more about the heritage and culture of southern Kentucky. They've enjoyed dinner theater at Springboro and dance and symphony programs at Shawnee State U in Portsmouth.

Avie Bird Myers says that the 1914 Stein and Goldstein carousel that she enjoyed as a child at Myers Lake Amusement Park in Canton, Ohio, has been moved to Bushnell Park in downtown Hartford, CT, under the care of the Carousel Museum in nearby Bristol. This organization, dedicated to the preservation of antique carousels, is the best caretaker for the large merry-go-round with 48 horses, two chariots, and a Wurlitzer band organ. The Carousel Museum is well

All Aboard!

Kevin G. Heintschel '02 took a unique career track — he's a railroad engineer. He works for Norfolk Southern Railroad, one of only five freight railways remaining in the United States (the others being BNSF, Union Pacific, Conrail, and CSX).

Norfolk Southern ships everything from auto parts and finished automobiles to agricultural products and hazardous waste, to beer and ice cream. The company provides quality freight transportation, so Heintschel's job entails "knowing 20 different rail yards, the laws of each town pertaining to our travel, and the grades (hills and valleys) associated with each trip. Our computer training comes in handy daily, as we can tell where the trains are, what they are carrying, how fast they are traveling, and when we will have to report for work. Our other training is mechanical — learning the nuts and bolts of rail cars and engines and the inner working of electromotive diesel engines." Heintschel supervises trips from Toledo to Pittsburgh and Toledo to Chicago. He has to be familiar with 1,500 miles of road and is on call 24/7. He spent 190 days away from home last year on the job.

After graduation, Heintschel worked at a radio station in advertising. He has some family history in the railroad business specifically and blue-collar work in general: his uncle spent 41 years working for New York Central and Conrail, and his brother and father are both heavy equipment operators and union workers.

Heintschel is also a part-time DJ. He got his start at the Underground and WCWS, where he was an assistant programmer. His most memorable experiences with the College radio station were getting backstage passes and doing an interview with the musician, Kid Rock. Heintschel used to work about 35 weddings and events a year, but now he mostly DJs as a favor to his friends, family, and fellow Wooster alumni. He enjoys playing everything from 1940s big band music to Top 40 hits, pleasing all ages.

Heintschel says that the most important aspects of his Wooster experience were his involvement in foot-



Kevin Heintschel '02 on the job

ball and as a member of Phi Sigma Alpha. "The most influential people, without whom I wouldn't have made it, definitely are Mike Schmitz (football coach), Rod Korba (communication), Pam Rose, and the late Royana Schultz (both of the Rubbermaid Learning Center). These people took the time to get to know me, helped me through some dark times, and made it possible to attain the degree that hangs so proudly on my office wall. I do my best to visit them when I am on campus.

"I was really lucky to have the opportunity to participate on the football team and also at WCWS," Heintschel says. "However, I do not feel that the Greek system gets enough credit. I still have vivid memories of the indelible impact on my ability to form lifelong relationships that Greek life afforded me. It would be a shame to take that away from future Wooster students."

—Leah Koontz '06

worth a visit.

After successful cataract surgery on both eyes, Avie can now go without glasses except for reading. She is elated. Avie is busy with Garden and College Clubs, book discussion, and two bridge groups, serving as program chairperson periodically. She and Jim replaced their 25-year-old porch with a sunroom in time for summer enjoyment.

Ruth Campbell Ackerman says that the highlight of 2004 was the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. All of their neighbors and a number of church friends attended an outdoor party at their home. Daughter Carol prepared punch and sandwiches to go

with the decorated cake ordered by Stewart.

Stewart oversees their beautiful flowers and bountiful vegetable crops and works as a medic for the Honeoye Falls volunteer ambulance. With the Cooperative Extension Service, he helps a few Mennonite farmers with their poultry enterprises. Carol has completed studies for a master's in special education.

Marge MacArdle Baur enjoys working in the library and stretching her reading habits in a book group. She also attends the life-long learning program at a nearby university — enriching and exciting. In October Marge traveled with an Elderhostel group from El Paso, and

visited the MacDonald Astronomical Center in Ft. Davis, which houses the largest telescope in the world. Then it was on to Mexico, going through the Copper Canyon by train. In her words, "Awesome!"

Bill Lankton reports, "On the weekend of Oct. 16-18, 2004, McCormick Seminary honored the Class of 1954 for its 50th anniversary. The following folks from Wooster were so honored: Min Mochizuki '50, Second Section, with wife June; **John Talbot**, Sixth Section and wife **Carol Rustemeyer Talbot**, Trumps; **Mac Taylor**, First Section, and wife **Ruth Homrig-hausen Taylor**; Florence Morrison, Echoes, and husband Elliot; and Bill

and **Lynn Wunder Lankton**, Imps."

All of you deserve a slice of Dole Hawaiian pineapple, a macadamia nut, and an orchid. Congratulations!

In response to an inquiry about his experiences with Hurricanes Charley and Ivan, John Talbot of Nokomis, FL, writes, "Hurricanes are terrifying and devastating. The Wednesday before Charley hit, we were on Captiva Island with **Frank** and **Peg Johnston Gurney** for two days at their time-share. The next morning, we evacuated and returned to board up our own homes. On Saturday, we saw a fly-by view of Captiva on the news: there was the Gurneys' condo unit, roof gone and trees down." The Talbots spent the evacuation with the Gurneys in Venice and played bridge. Who won, John?

Ed and Mary Anne Forbes Rettger wrote, "Our garden was very productive last year, with an abundant vegetable crop. We canned 60 pints of tomatoes. Our record is the 105 pints that Ed canned in 1992, while Mary Anne was in Scottsdale visiting daughter Elaine.

Does anyone recall WWII victory gardens?"

Do I (Mas) remember? Those of us who were impatient planted radishes, because they grew the fastest and were easy to plant. Those who were patient planted carrots. What did you plant? Artichokes?

Mary Anne and Ed are looking forward to our 55th class reunion in 2006. So am I. How about you?

Sally Rhine Hendrickson was featured with several others from the Rhine Research Center in Durham, NC, in a short segment on the Sci-Fi cable TV network in October. The show focused on psychic experiences that happen to ordinary people. In a series of interviews and dramatizations, Sally assured the audience that such experiences should not be considered threatening and said that people with such talent should not live in fear or shame. Sally has a new book, *The Gift: Extraordinary Experiences from Ordinary People* (St. Martin's Press).

A book by **Bill Hendrickson**, Sally's husband, *You Can Survive the Corporate Culture* (PublishAmerica),

was released in December. Bill interviewed dozens of people from all walks of life — corporate, governmental, nonprofit, medical, and other organizations where people work in close proximity. He hopes to sell the book in college bookstores so that students can become aware of issues they'll face in the work world and learn to confront those issues successfully.

Bill Coleman, who entered a nursing home in Wernersville, PA, on Nov. 23, 2004, passed away on Dec. 3. A good friend said that Bill was not alone when he passed to another place. At Wooster, Bill was in Sixth Section and served as the editor of the *Index*. He was my (Mas's) roommate for two years. In the summer of 1949, Frank Gurney, Bill, the late **Joe Holloway**, and I drove across the country together to work in Yosemite National Park.

How many of you noticed that the "Holden girls" on page 18 of the fall magazine are class beauties **Jane Boat Brubaker** (left) and **Barbara Breckinridge Glade**?

Here are bits and pieces of holiday greetings. "We had a quiet year with many small trips and three big ones out west, south, and southwest," writes Maureen Russell, press secretary for **Morley Russell**. "Morley had his 75th birthday and received a brand new two-wheeler. He rode to his university summer school classes without mishap."

Max Selby says, "Jan continues to do quilting, and I slop paint in a watercolor class and go camping."

Bill and **Jan Johnson** '48

Murphey had two "extraordinary happenings" last year. "The first was a family reunion of descendants of Bill's great-great-grandfather. Bill met some second cousins from all over the U.S. whom he never knew existed until Diane, our family genealogist, connected with them on the Internet."

The Murpheys' second event was a three-week trip to Tuscany. "Words cannot describe the beauty and grandeur of the towns and countryside nor the experience of 12 of us traveling all over central Italy!"

"Greetings from Frederick, MD!" write Lane and **Prissy Miller Hart**. "After 2 1/2 years at Homewood at

The wedding of Ali Jones and Parker Coffman, '00s, May 1, 2004. (Back row, left to r) Tom Pallante, Suanne Snaveley, Jessica Reinhart, Katie Montague, '99s, James Swinehart '01, Hayley Wrubel, Peter Wilson, Allison Murfin, '00s, Marshall Jordan '99, Angie Lombardo '98, H.R. Gill '01, Katie Hoffman, Bryan Partridge, Becca Turner, '00s, Andy Hamilton '99, Megan Vogt '01, Andi Vance, Meg Burger, '00s; (Front) Sasha Garber, Jayme Armistead, Jaime Rosa, '99s, bride, groom, Rob Benavides, Book Chrobak, '99s



the Crumland Farms Retirement Community, we're happy to live here. We've made many friends, and numerous activities keep us busy. Priscilla took charge of our yearly yard sale, using her experience with book sales, and we help plan overnight trips for the residents."

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1952 From Korea **John Gump** writes, "It's true, I love this country. My visa expires in 2009. I teach primary through graduate-level students. In February I began work at a new academy in Gwanji, 20 kilometers south of Seoul. Visitors are welcome!"

The class extends sympathy to **Bob Ferguson**, who lost his wife, Marilyn, in May 2003 and his mother that October. This past year was better. Bob traveled to Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon, and Washington, DC, to see the WWII Memorial.

Since retirement, Lois Antram and Dudley Rodden, '55s, spend much of the year in Florida, returning to Massachusetts for the summer and Christmas. Dudley does a lot of painting, so they have many of his works on the walls. Lois enjoys crafts and gardening.

Jeanne Babcock and Harry **Carley** traveled to Oregon in July for granddaughter Emilia's wedding. They had a great family get-together exploring Oregon coastal beaches and had dinner with **Marge Lusher Covery**. Granddaughter Rachel '07 will spend a semester at American U. The Carleys enjoy church work, square dancing, and

sailing, in addition to volunteering for Meals on Wheels, AARP tax preparation, and the library. Jeanne was scheduled for another lumbar fusion. She says, "Getting old is not for sissies!"

Last March **Bill** and **Liz Blumberg** '53 **Hurbath** went to Cape Horn ("a mill pond," they say) and in October to the Cape of Good Hope ("rainy and blustery"). Trips to La Manzanilla, Las Vegas, Bear Valley, Kernville, and Oxnard kept them moving. Liz is involved with crafts, such as baskets and quilts, and enjoys gardening. Bill has been redoing their landscaping.

John Smith '53 says that a beautiful brass cross was installed at the front of the sanctuary at First Presbyterian Church in Dunedin, FL, dedicated in memory of **Barbara Polley Smith** on Mar. 28, 2004, the first anniversary of her death.

Lincoln Griswold writes: "Since our 50th reunion, I've had many medical 'complications.' I'm well on the way to becoming a bionic man! In Dec. 2002 I had my aortic valve replaced, then in Nov. 2003, I had a total (right) knee replacement. Last year was relatively tame, with only a couple of broken ribs to hinder my summer activities.

"I manage to keep rather busy, between my duties as chairman of Griswold Special Care and providing care for my wife, Jean, a paraplegic. She continues her 38-year battle with MS and gets to work in her wheelchair every morning. She's the director of the Chestnut Hill office of Griswold Special Care, which she founded 23 years ago.

"I dropped a net into my deep well of memories of Wooster, and these are some I pulled up: being

elected vice president of the freshman class, listening to **Jim Hughes** sing 'You'll Never Walk Alone' in the Serenade Contest, having a date with **Jean "Migs" Bonnell** (now Jean Seigley), getting stitches in my chin after a bicycle accident (mechanical failure) by the barracks, singing under famed choral conductor Robert Shaw, studying economics with E. Kingman Eberhart, using a wet sock to keep bottles of milk cold on my windowsill at Livingstone Lodge, waiting tables in Kenarden, and hearing a sermon entitled, 'Anger is Steam.' The preacher (whose name I forget) said I would never forget that sermon. I never have."

Tom Boyne and wife Dorothy have six children and 12 grandchildren. Their youngest daughter sought a new vocation after five years as an R.N. She now volunteers as a builder for Habitat for Humanity. Last summer, she was honored to meet President and Mrs. Carter.

Bob and **Edie Talbot Jolly** celebrated their 50th anniversary last August.

Marty Massey and **Giles Walker** report no "news," as their life is pretty routine, but they enjoy reading and hiking around Helena, MT. Every morning Giles scans the horizon for sunrise pictures. He has an amazing collection.

"We've been traveling to see our children in different parts of the country," writes **Stewart Elder**. "Laura Elder-Connors '82 lives in Burlington, VT, and has four children; Bruce '86 is a research chemist in Wynantskill, NY; and Ellen Elder-Joseph '88 teaches in Massillon, Ohio. Ellen and her husband, Bill, have three children. Our son, John, lives here in Fremont and teaches

high school history. He and his wife have two daughters. Our oldest son, Jim, lives in Gaffney, SC, and is a special project engineer for Timken.

"Between running around to see children and grandchildren, we go to Portland, ME, to visit Jo's sister and Groveland, FL, to see my brother. We sing in our church choir and play in the bell choir. Jo also sings in the local community college choir, and we're both active in Boy Scouts."

Here's an anecdote, kind of a small world thing, about two New York State residents. Ellsworth Swift '53 was born and raised in Cuba, NY. His career was with the National Parks Service, working in the major museums and historical displays.

Pete Sprague also attended the College, practiced law in Cuba, NY, and concluded his career with 13 years as a trial bench judge. Both Pete and Ellsworth have been retired since the late 1990s and live in Cuba, NY, again.

Pete says, "We enjoy fairly good health, participate in several community activities, and see each other six to eight times a year — without design or intent — usually at the grocery store or church suppers. Ellsworth attends the Baptist church and I, the Methodist church."

"We recently met at the opening of the new Cuba Cheese Museum and found a comfortable corner to sit and talk. The conversation soon came to the question, 'How is retirement treating you?' Both of us said it was pretty good and omitted the usual 'organ and pillbox' recital."

"Then Ellsworth admitted, 'Well, to tell the truth, it did take a little getting used to. When I was working, I'd grown accustomed to having people do the things that I decided should be done, without a lot of debate. I am past that now, though. If you're retired, much of what you say isn't taken too seriously.'"

"I replied, 'You're telling me! I was a judge, and in the courtroom, it was all my sandbox. But now, folks are inclined to think it's just an old man talking.'"

Thanks for sharing, Pete!
Paul Miller sends one bit of good news and one belated reflection. The news: "In Indianapolis our seventh grandchild was born on

Dec. 3, 2004, the 55th anniversary of my first date with his grandmother, Peg Stout Miller '53, at Wooster. We spent December giving much attention to Georgia Catherine Willtz, whom we quickly dubbed 'Peaches.' Our daughter, Susan Miller Willtz, and her husband, Paul, are ecstatic about the birth of their first child."

The reflection: "I realized that 17 of our 19 original and still living Second Section initiates (spring '49) made it back to the reunions of 1952 and 1953. Can we maintain the pace? Only time will tell."

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1953 It's sunny, clear, and mild today in southern California, just right for the snowbirds to congregate, but most seem to flock to Florida.

Bob Atwell, his wife, Suzanne, and around 15 members of the Class of '53 gathered recently to discuss the state of the union, the world, the College, and the joys of living in such an exciting time and place.

Bob and I (**Don**) had shared a few tidbits about our being among a group of young people invited to the inauguration of Harry S. Truman. (I'm sure that Truman's later visit to the Baptist church in Wooster was somehow connected.)

Pris Gallinger and **Mark Allen** did not make their usual trip south but weathered the winter nicely in their log cabin in the mountains of eastern Pennsylvania. It was easier and wiser for them to stay home, Pris said, so Mark could continue his medical procedures.

Dave Mellon writes, "On a Saturday morning in early November, when Nancy Orahood Mellon '56 was away, **Ted Fredley** phoned and suggested we get together. At the LPGA golf course and restaurant, we had a big old time going over old times. I don't think I'd seen Ted since college, but I easily recognized him. He gave me a list of the Class of '53 which I enjoyed looking through. Ted was visiting briefly in the area and decided to call. I'm glad he did."

Dave Woodward continues

daily treatments after a stroke last April. His optimism is reflected in his tribute to our class for its 50th reunion and to those who "did such a great job planning it." He also credits the College, saying, it "is such a great place and treats you like family, so it is a pleasure to go back."

You're part of that family, Dave, so keep up those treatments, and we'll look forward to sharing another good time at our next reunion.

This winter **Gwen Griffith Wright** was trying to find a new home in Boulder, CO. Gwen conducts seminars and workshops for churches, businesses, colleges, and other interested parties — digging around in the drifts of religion for bits of spirituality and ethics for the business world and beyond.

She has a colleague in **Fred Wollerman**. Fred is especially interested in Celtic spirituality, as promoted by the retreat center on the Isle of Iona, Scotland.

It's too late for me (**Nona**) ever to become a true Southerner, but I use the word "y'all" like a native. I like hearing from y'all and wish this column were long enough to tell all y'all's news. Here is some of it.

Nancy Martin Martin wrote about the death of Chalmers Martin '51 after a long fight with cancer (see Obituaries). The Martin children all were able to wish their father Godspeed, and their faith assures them that he's with God and the angels. Nancy plans to remain in her condo, at 1842 Stoneview Ct., Grove City, OH 43123.

Snail mail left me (**Nona**) a small book of beautiful poetry by **Marj Jillson**. Marj self-published the book, entitled *Windswept*. A quote by Christopher Fry, "Poetry is the language in which man explores his own amazement," appears on the cover. Marj's poems explore her amazement with nature, profound questions about God, one's spirit, and life's surprises.

Another new poetry book, *Rooms of Grace*, by Paul Petrie, **Sylvia Spencer Petrie's** husband, should be available soon.

Wintertime golf and Florida sunshine were on the minds of **Ron** and **Bev Price**. Ron sent news that **Art Hook** was honored last year

with the Bay Village (Ohio) High School's Distinguished Alumni Award. Art and Dave Woodward were high school classmates; Dave nominated Art for the Bay Village honor. After observing Art's creativity at our 50th, y'all would nominate him, too, right?

Tidbits: **George** and **Polly Bender**, Paul and Sylvia Petrie, and Pris and Mark Allen mentioned golden wedding celebrations. Don and **Marilu Darone Pehrson** counted yet another grandchild's nose, a baby girl, number 13 for a baker's dozen. A picture showed Bill '52 and **Liz Blumberg Hubbarth** careening in a dune buggy, clutching the roof, in Cumbuco, Brazil. **Jean Bangham's** photo shows her atop a sturdy, shaggy little horse on a sunny July day in the Altai Mountains in Siberia. Jean's next stop — Patagonia. Dick and **Gwen Watkins Kiefer's** Christmas letter ended with a Welsh blessing: "Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!" If those words remind you to enjoy a healthy, happy life, that's my (**Nona's**) wish for y'all, too.

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1954 **Sylvia Buttrey Huning** and **Russ Tillotson** will remember our 50th class reunion as a turning point in their lives. During the weekend, Sylvia did a "clown and violin" performance relative to her trip to Russia. This drew Russ and Sylvia together, and they initiated daily phone calls. A long October visit resulted in an engagement. Sylvia and Russ married on Feb. 20, 2005.

On a sad note, please see the obituary of **Bruce Withers** later in this magazine. I (**Gordon**) and my wife, Grace, enjoyed having dinner with Bruce and Janet Bolgard Withers '55 at a reunion event. At that time, the couple was optimistic about Bruce's health. We send our condolences to his family.

Here's an excerpt from the tribute to Bruce written by one of his daughters, The Rev. Joan Withers Priest '84. "My dad was a terrific sto-

ryteller. You or I might go to the grocery store for milk or the pharmacy for vitamins and come home, and nothing much happens. But something always happened to my dad. Every time he left the house for the simplest of errands, something happened — usually very funny. Someone would say something, or he would witness some confrontation, or encounter the most wonderful (some might say, strangest) people.

"Even if his stories were a bit embellished from time to time, they were always hilarious. And I think this was because he looked at the world a bit differently. My dad was always ready for an encounter, always eager to meet new people, always looking for those small escapades."

Judy Yoder Webster says that Hurricane Charley removed the roof from their condominium on Captiva Island, west of Ft. Myers. Wearing hard hats and safety glasses during a November visit, they saw their former rooms — now cinder blocks and wood strips. Husband Jack was doing well after a knee replacement.

Marilyn Price Combs planned and led their church's bicentennial celebration last September. Don and Marilyn spent October visiting three of their children in Houston, Denver, and California. They also spent quality time with **Gary and Corinne Snuffer Wilson** in Surprise, AZ. Weather conditions in Salt Lake City prevented them from visiting **Jim and Ruth Peterson Ewers**.

Marilyn continues to work as a school testing consultant. There was a picture of the Wilsons' son, Mark '78 (geology), in *Ohio* magazine (Dec. 2004), with commentary on his outstanding work.

Patricia Lockwood now manages a sorority house at the U of Arizona, "with 50 vigorous, healthy, intelligent, beautiful young women." She also sings alto in a university chorus. Her addresses are P.O. Box 41342, Tucson, AZ 85717 and <imapatchpal@hotmail.com>.

Robert and Janet Brandon Miller live in Roanoke, VA, close enough to their children to see lots of grandchildren's school activities. Both are active in their Presbyterian church. Janet is also a "reading

Sporting Artist

James Crow '55 was recruited to play football at the College. At 165 pounds, he was then the lightest offensive tackle in the Ohio conference. Throughout his football career, Crow always recognized his passion for art.



1954 Index photo

(From left) Bob McQuilkin, Phil Eaton, Fritz Guenther, '57s, Dan Snyder '56, and Dave Figg '57 compliment Jim Crow '55 (center) on his mural in the fall of 1953. Below, Crow teaches equine art



where potential patrons gather, such as conventions of the United Professional Horseman Association and the American Saddlebred Horse Association.

View and even purchase prints of Crow's paintings at <<https://horseart.4ecommerce.com/store/merchant.mv?>>. —Emily Ryan '05

"I would show up in art history class in my football uniform, just to make sure I wasn't late for practice. I was the only one in that situation," he chuckles. He had his mentors, though: his football coach, the late Phil Shipe, was an artist, too.

Fifty years later, Crow is the director of painting at the American Academy of Equine Art in Lexington, Kentucky. He does his best to nurture an appreciation for the genre of sporting art. Crow paints and teaches workshop classes for the Academy at Horse Park, a popular visitor center in Lexington. Here, he says, "You can find models of almost all of the main breeds of horses." Kentucky is the horse capital of the world; the top horses of every breed pass through the state at some point.

Crow doesn't see retirement in the near future. "I'll just keep painting." He shows works at events

retired, to be closer to one of their three daughters. In early February they competed in a ballroom dance competition near Orlando and visited another daughter's family.

Elmer '52 and **Beverly Scheidemantle Selby** spend their winters in Seminole, FL, just outside of St. Petersburg and close to I-275. If you're in the area next winter, give them a call at (727) 397-8088.

Jean Laurie Floyd retired in February, after overseeing the establishment of a resource center for the Malaysian government's English Language Teaching Center. The mission is to switch the teaching of science and math to English instead of Bahasa Malaysia. Jean and Barry will spend several months visiting their

children in Ontario, Australia, Hawaii, and the UK. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year.

A Wooster '54 "Party Line" has been set up for members of the class who have e-mail to communicate quickly with other classmates. If you'd like to participate, send me your e-mail address.

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1955 Kert Kadyk, <kertkadyk@verizon.net>, still teaches brass instruments in his private studio. He's also an adjunct faculty member at Immaculata U. Otherwise, Kert is "retired," after over 48 years in music education. He and his wife, Jean, moved to a "new" house in Paoli, PA, after 43 years in the same house in Berwyn. They expect to be at our 50th reunion.

The family of the late Bob and **Betsy Sands Kocher** (see Obituaries) request memorials to California Lutheran U, Betsy's employer for 30 years, in care of the Betsy and Bob Kocher Memorial Fund.

Marilyn Roth Flotsos had another knee replacement in February; it may keep her from our reunion. We wish her a speedy recovery.

We all look forward to seeing you and other old friends at Alumni Weekend, June 9-12. Don't miss it! **MARGARET PARDEE PETERSEN**, Route 1, Box 232, Mazeppa, MN 55956, <wepmvp@aol.com>, and **FRAN BAUER PARKER**, 715 S. Webster St., Jackson, MI 49203-1637, <fjparker@ameritech.net>.

1956 We are just one year away from celebrating our 50th reunion, June 2006. The reunion committee, co-chaired by **Jan Ackerly** and **Jerry Carlisle**, has been meeting yearly since 2001. Moses Jones-Lewis (development), Sharon Rice (alumni relations), and Jessica Armstrong (special projects), are assisting. There will be opportunities for fun, reflection, reminiscing, remembrance, and more fun.

Wooster continues to be a place where students can be challenged

academically, increase their global awareness, participate in top-notch programs, reach their potential in athletics, enrich their lives by volunteering, and embark on lifelong learning. We hope to give you a glimpse of that. If you haven't received any information or if you have questions, contact me (**Pat**).

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1957 January 8, 2005, turned into a special day for **Jean Garrett Strojan**. Her daughters planned a 70th birthday party — a fantastic surprise. Over 60 people attended the event at the Renaissance Quail Hollow Resort near Chardon, Ohio. Along with extended family, including a grandson (2), the guest list included people Jean hadn't seen in many years, some from her teaching days. With many people coming from out of town, the celebration went on for several days. Jean travels, when she can, in between visits with daughters Ellen in Brunswick, GA, and Becky, north of Atlanta.

Several of you sent changes in your e-mail addresses. Thanks!
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1958 First, an apology from me (**Anne**). In cleaning up my e-mail, I uncovered a misfiled note from **Ned Willey**, replying to an e-mail I'd sent last May asking for experiences with Alzheimer's. He's known many people with the disease, including his aunt and uncle and several close friends. During 41 years as a dentist in Defiance, Ohio, Ned encountered a number of Alzheimer's patients.

"One friend played golf," he says, "if he could go with you, and did very well with semi-advanced Alzheimer's; another friend still plays bridge. In the early stages, people can fool you into believing that they are better than they are."

Prompted by a pending speech at his high school alma mater, **Bruce Rigdon** called **Victor Sapio**.

Bruce, Vic, and the late **Bill Dando** were in a class of 14 at West Nottingham Academy in Colora, MD. The academy, founded in 1744, was one of the first in the country and one of the last Presbyterian preparatory schools.

Bruce says that Vic has made good progress in recovering from a serious aneurism and is back to teaching part-time in Pensacola. "I'd forgotten that Vic taught Russian," Bruce said, a great connection, since Bruce is an expert on the Russian Orthodox Church and a frequent visitor to that country. Vic was born in Italy of Russian parents, Bruce recalls. He spoke Russian, German, and Italian, in addition to English.

Bruce and his wife, Mary, a recently retired attorney, took son Mark's two daughters to Ghost Ranch (NM) last summer, where they were joined by daughter Sascha and her two children. In August Mary accompanied Bruce in leading a group on a trip down the Volga River and on inland lakes. The Rigdons took another group of 20 people to Italy in November.

Summer will find the Rigdons on Nantucket, with Bruce serving as summer pastor at the Siasconset Union Chapel. They're also renovating their old family house in Chicago and hope to relocate there in the spring. Bruce will continue to commute regularly to Detroit as director of Ecumenical Theological Seminary, <www.etseminary.org>.

I loved **Murray and Judy Vixeboxse Blackadar's** holiday letter, showing them standing in front of a mosaic in a local park. Judy played a key role in planning, organizing, and funding the community project that created the 3-ft. by 45-ft. ceramic/mosaic structure. Murray helped make the ceramic pieces and participated in the installation. Judy is also in Friends of the Library, and Murray's involved in a Rhode Island church/labor union/community action group focusing on affordable housing and adult basic education.

Murray and Judy still delight in the move to Providence that brought them close to their children and grandchildren. In October they traveled to London and spent a week

hiking on the Channel Island of Jersey, with trips to Normandy and Rotterdam. They also attended their 50th high school reunions.

During 2004 **Sylvia Gibbs Spearman** and husband Bill traveled from their base in Loveland, CO, to Croatia, Spain, Italy, and adjoining Mediterranean ports, a favorite spot on Canada's Rice Lake, and several U.S. locations. Their travels were interrupted by the sudden death of Bill's younger brother, a former member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives. In the many tributes, Bill discovered that his brother was once designated one of the top 10 most effective legislators in Oklahoma's history.

Other Spearman activities include Presbytery committees, homeowner's association, counseling clients, church session, PEO, stewardship, and CROP Walk team — and 10 grandchildren. Last fall, their house received a protective spray with a 25-year guarantee.

"Maybe we should have asked them to spray us!" Sylvia adds.

For those of you contemplating downsizing, the Spearman's inspire action. They sold Bill's Civil War memorabilia on Ebay and gave the proceeds to Church World Service. (There are now services to handle this for you!)

How wonderful for me (Anne) to get a real four-page, handwritten letter from my Miller Manor sister, **Susan Jamison-Trent**! She begins, "The year and a half since our reunion has been the most challenging of my life." She tells of the death of her sister, Nancy, in Dec. 2003, after an extended illness. Susan traveled through heavy snow from her home near Portland, ME, to the family cemetery plot at Little Britain Presbyterian Church, a very old church in the southern part of Lancaster County, PA.

Susan's husband, Steve, died of cancer of the spine the following April. She has appreciated the caring of relatives, and friends and the strong support of her Episcopal church. Susan attended her 50th high school reunion in Darien, CT, in October. One feature was a bus tour of "old haunts" and to see the changes in the town.

(Is a bus tour a possibility for our Wooster 50th? Please send your list of haunts!)

"Primarily, we grew up in old-time Republican families," Susan writes. "Prescott Bush [George W.'s grandfather] was one of our senators. When talking to my [high school] classmates and their spouses, I found that, whether Republican or Democrat, there was a deep concern over the path our nation is taking."

You may have received calls from our 50th reunion committee. Members are contacting classmates to establish connections and elicit input. (We've had lots of high school reunions this past year to draw on.) They'll also be talking with you about our class gift to Wooster. We hope we can get updates on some folks from whom we haven't heard in a while. It's fun to rediscover friends from college and hear what they've done since we last saw them. Here are a couple of recent "finds."

Janet Gabrielsen Ehlers

talked to **Ron Ensley**. Ron, who lives in Munster, IN, was the late **Lee Dawley's** freshman roommate. Ron only attended Wooster for one year but was one of several Wooster friends who kept in touch with Lee during his many disabling years of multiple sclerosis (see Obituaries).

Nana Newberry Landgraf called **Elaine Theurer Kirke** and coaxed her to consider combining a trip to visit Elaine's son, Bill, who lives in Columbus, with our 50th Wooster reunion.

That call prompted an e-mail telling of Elaine's winter in northern Wisconsin. A widow, Elaine lives in Ashland with her aged father and near her daughter, Sharon, a busy physician. Elaine is very involved with Sharon's family.

Here are a few bits of news from Nana and husband R.J.'s holiday letter (a very good read!), covering the time after Nana's retirement. Two months into this new state, R.J. was diagnosed with Legionnaire's disease — very serious stuff. They figure that a rundown motel was the scene of infection. R.J. recovered after several weeks and was fitted with a pacemaker-defibrillator. He lost 32 pounds and some hair but was well enough to attend Nana's high school

reunion in Maryville, TN.

Nana has returned to her "previous life" of music and literature but no piano teaching. She's active in two music clubs and a study group that's reading Shakespeare's history plays and Edith Grossman's translation of *Don Quixote*. She exercises, listens to audio books, and investigates new music. Nana remains active in the church from which she retired as secretary to the pastor. She spends time on her new computer, expanded cooking, and getting a reasonable amount of sleep. Daughter Ginny is now in Chicago, cataloguing 1940s copies of *Christian Century*. Daughter Victoria returned to Antarctica for her fifth six-month stint as a communications specialist.

Ann Hartness is the director of the Latin American Library at the U of Texas in Austin. She graduated from the U of Texas and has been at the library since 1970. It is well-known, well supported, and used for major research projects, she tells us. Ann goes on an annual walking trip in Italy, using the same guide to explore a new place each year. Her favorite spot to date is Sicily.

Bruce Hunt, who contacted Ann Hartness, promised that we would not overrun the island in response to her reviews. Ann grew up in Auburn, IL, near Springfield, and returned home for her high school reunion. She reconnected with four old friends and spent the weekend with them. The ice cream social was a highlight. "We do that at Wooster, too," Bruce told her.

Bruce also talked with **Floyd Hastings**. Now retired from Huntington Bank, Floyd is still in Ft. Wright, KY, close enough to his grandchildren to be a real influence. His other passion is music. He's been singing in church choirs for almost 40 years and also sings barbershop from time to time. Can we hook him up with **Henry Hopper**, who bragged about his high school reunion performance with a men's quartet? This could be the beginning of a 50th Wooster reunion act.

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1959 As noted in our last column, many classmates mention that musical events are among their fondest Wooster memories. Several classmates have continued this interest.

Alice Boughton Bredenberg retired from teaching in Portland, ME, in 2000 and is pursuing her lifelong interest in music. At Wooster she sang in the concert choir, chorus, and Westminster choir. Her favorite Wooster memory is singing the Brahms *Requiem* under conductor Robert Shaw. Now Alice plays the organ and directs a handbell choir. She also skis, cross-country and downhill, and does mountain climbing and water sports. Alice enjoys her trips with Elderhostel.

A second member of the College concert choir and chorus whose favorite Wooster memories include singing under Shaw is **Peggy True**. Peggy's life took a different turn than Alice's. She taught third grade for two years and then earned a master's in special education. She worked in the field for 23 years in Fairfax County, VA. Beginning as a classroom teacher, Peggy became a resource teacher for special ed students and ultimately moved into administration as coordinator of special ed for 45 schools.

"The most challenging and satisfying parts of these jobs involved the great social changes — integration in the early 1960s and the influx of immigrant students after that," Peggy says. In 1985 she took early retirement to pursue a new career.

Graduating from Wesley Seminary in Washington, DC, and being ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1988, Peggy served as the pastor for several congregations in the DC/Baltimore area until her (second) retirement. She remains active in presbytery and enjoys the varied local cultural opportunities.

Another teacher, **Jo Anne Feist Sayre**, retired after 37 years and returned to her old love of music. A member of the women's chorus, the Scot band, and the symphony, Jo Anne taught music for two years but then became a classroom teacher. Now she does substitute teaching in

music and also sings with the Wellsboro (PA) Women's Chorus, a barbershop group, church choir, and Wednesday Morning Musicals — and plays the flute. Most of her favorite memories of Wooster came from time spent in Merz Hall with other music majors. With two children and four grandchildren, Jo Anne adds that her biggest joy is being a grandmother.

For **Don Comin**, music was important at Wooster — singing in the Men's Glee Club, concert choir, and chorus, as well as playing in the Scot Band. Classical music continues to be very much a part of his life. Don practiced medicine in La Crosse, WI, until 1996, when he and his wife moved to Naples, FL. There they built a house and learned to golf. Don practiced medicine a few hours a week. His wife died in 1999, and Don later married the widow of a colleague.

Don and Gloria split their time between Wisconsin and Florida. With a shared love of music, they enjoy the Naples (FL) Philharmonic, play a little golf, and check out the wonderful restaurants. Once a week they volunteer as physician and translator for migrant workers in a nearby Mexican community. Their "combined" five kids love to come visit in the winter as do friends.

Lois Shuler Meighan, another former member of the College concert choir, chorus, and symphony, plays the cello in a quartet and three orchestras and sings in a choral group. A biology major, Lois taught chemistry, science, and algebra in Providence, RI, then worked as a research assistant at Brown U while going to grad school. She and her husband, Richard Meighan '58, raised their six children in Lansdale, PA.

Lois volunteered in the schools, became a science teacher for the homebound, and worked for a diagnostic drug firm for 12 years. Today she continues as a homebound teacher, weaves, spins, knits, crochets, and takes Celtic harp lessons. She's also involved in prayer ministry at her Mennonite church.

Hearing Christmas music coming from Kenarden on a cold, clear night with a sky full of stars is **Mike Moore's** favorite Wooster memory.

A member of the Scot Band and serenade director for Third Section, Mike sang in the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus under Robert Shaw while in graduate school at Western Reserve U. With that chorus, he sang at Carnegie Hall in NYC and at the Pablo Casals Festival in Puerto Rico.

Mike has returned to singing after 30 years. He performed the Brahms *Requiem* with the Bowling Green State U Choral Society and sang with the society in Prague, Salzburg, and Munich. After earning a Ph.D., Mike taught for two years at Hillsdale College then moved to Bowling Green, where he stayed for 35 years, first as an historian, then the head of a program in aesthetic education for elementary and secondary schools in northwestern Ohio. Arts Unlimited was one of 18 efforts in the U.S. affiliated with Lincoln Center in NYC. Mike also served as a state lobbyist for Bowling Green and as assistant dean.

Since retirement, he's lectured at various Lincoln Center Institutes and written on aesthetic perception in the arts. Mike sings in a church choir and is involved with the United Methodist Church's Volunteers in Mission: repairing and remodeling homes in Ohio and South Carolina, working in a medical clinic in New Mexico, teaching high school in Zambia, and helping a teacher from Zambia come to Bowling Green for a master's degree.

Mike and his wife, Sue, have traveled widely. Having never known Mike's parents, they spent two years researching his family. The quest took them to Ireland, Appalachia, and a paupers' cemetery in Los Angeles. That work resulted in *From These Hills: An American Family's Odyssey* (Authorhouse, 2003).

A strong love of music has greatly enriched the life of our co-secretary, **Ginny Wenger Moser**. A member of the Scot Band for three years and the Women's Chorus for two, she continued to play the piano for pleasure. She married Moe Moser, moved to Wisconsin, then Chicago, and then to Virginia. Having worked as an editor of college textbooks at Rand McNally in Illinois before their three children were born, Ginny later returned to



The wedding of Jessica Reinhart '99 and Jason Lind, June 25, 2004. (Back row, left to r) Tom Pallante '99, Morgan Ramsdell '01, Erin Gertz, Christy Judd, '00s, Andy Hamilton, Shawn Rogers, '99s, Parker Coffman '00, Jim Plews-Ogan '78, Peggy Plews-Ogan '77, Mike Morston '97, Sean Malone '99; (Middle) Suanne Snavelly, Jayme Armistead, Jaime Rosa, Sasha Garber, '99s, Ali Jones Coffman, Allison Murfin, '00s, Katie Montague Malone '99, Andi Reinhart Morston '96; (Front) bride, groom

editing and ultimately ended up at the Center for Naval Analyses in Arlington, a "think tank."

In 1991 Ginny decided to do something more exciting — become a Washington tour guide — a great job for her Wooster background in political science and speech. She absolutely loved it for 12 years! As president of the 500-member Washington Guild of Professional Tour Guides from 1998 to 2000, she went to conventions in Hong Kong, San Antonio, and Chicago.

Ginny's love of music has continued. Having mastered the baritone horn in high school and college, she took up the French horn at age 35 and became sufficiently accomplished to play in the Fairfax and McLean Symphony Orchestras for several years. She played at the Kennedy Center four times. In 1980 Ginny and Moe helped to found a Unitarian church and have been singing in its choir for 25 years.

They are also avid duplicate bridge players, love to travel, and thoroughly enjoy their five grandchildren.

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1960 Jim Traer sent "A Remembrance of Jim Steele," from which the following is an excerpt (also see

Obituaries). "It was the autumn of 1956, and I was a freshman, living in Douglass Hall. Along with surviving chemistry and meeting women residing in Hoover Cottage, my goal was to participate in every campus choral group that would have me! Thus I was a tenor in concert choir, chapel choir, and Men's Glee Club. Through music, I got acquainted with Jim Steele, a tall, dark-haired baritone, who came from the Great Lakes area to the west, as did I.

"Jim grew up on the campuses of Presbyterian colleges in Salt Lake City, UT, and Waukesha, WI, where his dad was president. He seemed to me sophisticated and worldly. He had been to places such as California and Hawaii; his record collection included French cabaret songs; he was a good singer and dancer! I was happy to be his sidekick.

"I thought about Jim recently in New York City. My wife and I were attending a revival of *Wonderful Town*, in which a former college football hero sings a song, 'Pass That Football,' which explains how he triumphed over limited intelligence and bad grades. I remembered Jim singing the song during intermission at a freshman dance.

"Because he lived in a small house at the edge of campus, Jim often hung out in the room that **Stu Erholm** and I shared on Third Floor Douglass. Around us were fascinating individuals: **Joe Bashore**,

Dave Dickason, **Charlie Stebbins**, **Bruce Schrier**, and others, including our RA, Henry Hopper '58...

"After that golden autumn, the remainder of college passed swiftly. Jim and I both majored in history; experienced the untimely death of a close friend, John Hopper '61; shared a room in Andrews; talked about religion, God, and life; toured with the Glee Club; enjoyed serene contests, dances, and the company of Second Section, Kenarden. We shared great experiences with Wooster faculty.

"The Christmas letter from Marcy Mead Steele '63 brought the news: 'Jim died quite suddenly in July. After a perfectly ordinary day of watering the plants, making yogurt, and attending Rotary, he had a massive heart attack while on the treadmill... Scripture, music and poetry were woven together in the service of celebration for his life. A fitting tribute — these were the things Jim loved. The outpouring of affection from people who were touched by his friendship and ministry has been overwhelming..."

Jim Traer continues, "Somewhere along the way through Wooster, we read an essay contrasting the classical and Christian views of humankind. A Roman writer described 'the good man speaking well.' That was surely Jim Steele in everyday friendships and human relations. At the same time, he was a preacher who brought us the Good News of God's love and forgiveness... He was a deeply caring man, concerned about the lives of every person in his parish and community.

"I will remember my new friend from the golden autumn of 1956 — music, fun, friendship, a world to discover and understand. Thank you, Jim, for all this and more!"

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1961 Our class extends its sympathy to **Janet Mosher Napolitan** on the death of her husband, Phil, last December.

Janet's twin sister, **Jane Mosher Bobel** had a pipe break while she was away from her Wooster home during the Christmas holidays. The

pipe was upstairs, and much of her house was flooded. Jane expected to be out of her home for a bit while the damage was being repaired.

Ron Takaki retired from the U of California-Berkeley, in 2004, after 39 years of teaching and writing. He's now traveling around the country giving lectures. Ron is also working on a new book and a television documentary based on his book, *A Different Mirror*.

Ron's wife, **Carol Rankin Takaki**, loves to teach ESL and plans to do so forever. Last autumn the couple traveled to the Galapagos, where they snorkeled and played with sea lion pups. In May they toured parts of Greece and Turkey.

Joan Mackenzie Marshall is retiring from the ministry and plans to travel with her husband, David, and spend time with her children and grandchildren.

In December, to celebrate **Bob Pisor's** 65th birthday, he and Ellen Waters Pisor '62 took their first-ever trip to Montreal. They walked on frozen sidewalks, stepped into small restaurants to eat, drink, and thaw out, then walked some more.

(Your class scribe, **Larry**, was there in May a few years ago and nearly froze, so I can imagine what December would be like!) Bob says that his other big birthday event was applying for Social Security!

Don and Karen Kinkel Barnes sent an e-mail from China. They finished their fourth semester of teaching English in Nanning, Guangxi province, in the southwestern part of the country. Don had a chance to teach technical English to science doctoral students and to learn about science education in the large university there.

Karen works mostly with undergraduate English majors. As affiliates of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Barnes's obtain employment through the university, as do all foreign teachers. But they have the added mission of working with the local church and other Chinese-led Christian ministries in town.

They lead a free weekly English class in downtown Nanning, work with the local unit of World Vision, and volunteer at a home for children with cerebral palsy, operated by a

church member.

In the Winter issue of *Wooster*, the feature on alternative medicine (pages 22-25) mentioned **Judy Moss** and her work with polarity balancing. In other news, Judy says that after some 30 years of caring for a small herd of goats, she sent them to a new home last summer. Now she only maintains a flock of hens at her place in Sodus, NY.

After 26 years in Kent, Ohio, **Bill** and **Carolyn Pierce Konnert** have relocated to Black Mountain, NC, 12 miles east of Asheville on I-40. Last April a piece of property that really looked good came on the market on a Thursday, and they bought it the following Monday! The Konnerts moved in July, weathered Hurricane Ivan (19 inches of rain) in September, and had spectacular foliage in October. They're only a 30-minute drive from the Biltmore Estate and 10 minutes from the Blue Ridge Parkway and invite anyone to visit.

Once again, I (**Larry**) implore you to send your e-mail address and class notes to your humble scribe. **LARRY VODRA**, 51 High Ridge Rd., Brookfield, CT 06804-3517, <JLVodra@aol.com>.

1962

What's up with the Class of '62?

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1963

We are saddened by the death of **Julia Brown Diehl** (see Obituaries).

John Weckesser retired as chairman of the performing arts department at the College of Santa Fe. Since 1975 John has produced 206 plays in the school's theater department. He also began the guest artists program, which brings professional actors to the school to share their expertise. In 1990 the school named its laboratory stage facility in the Greer Garson Theatre Center the Weckesser Studio Theatre. John was the founding producer of the Garson Theatre Company in 2003.

The Class of '63 welcomes **Jeanne Robinson Noble** as the new class secretary. Send your news! **JEANNE ROBINSON NOBLE**, P.O. Box



The wedding of Rebecca Turner '00 and Rob Benavides '99, Oct. 9, 2004. (Fourth row, left to r) Marshall Jordan '99, Marian Cropp (alumni relations, retired), J. W. Swinehart '01, Jen Hayman '00, Book Chrobak '99, Adam Ratliff '00, Tom Pilon '99, H.R. Gill '01, Will Rubinow '99; (Third row) Susan Fisler Siberstein '72, David Silberstein '71, Chuck Turner '72; (Second row) Ron Hamburger, Diane Limbird Hamburger, '71s, Evan Reynolds, Paul Cohen, '74s, Nancy Kriebel Turner '72, Parker Coffman '00, Courtney Anson '02, Katie Hoffman Partridge '00, Stefanie Kritz '99, Maura Finn, Maggie Buckingham, '00s; (First row) Bryan Partridge, Loic Pritchett, '00s, Megan Vogt '01, Greg Kriebel '74, Dottie Kriebel, bride, groom, Ali Jones Coffman, Kirsten Blake, Sarah Hibler, Carly Bronson Kovacevic, Alison Erk, Katherine Dugan, '00s

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1964

Thanks to those who sent copies of your holiday letters. As a result I (**Jim**) have news to report.

Victoria Waters Rudick

retired from her position as associate dean of the graduate school of biomedical sciences at the U of North Texas Health and Science Center in Ft. Worth. An associate professor of cell biology, she had worked there since 1973. In 2000 she received the Edward E. Elko Award for distinguished service to the Graduate School Association. Hats off to Victoria, capping off a great career!

Bob Walcott

is retired — but not sitting around. He's the director of volunteers for the Cuyahoga County (Ohio) Department of Adult and Senior Services. He also performs Episcopal priestly duties at churches in Lisbon and Salem.

Earl and Bunnie Byers '65

Walker have moved away from the Bay Area to be closer to children and grandchildren. They're now in a small town in the Sierra foothills, about 35 miles northeast of Sacramento. The new address is 4062 Helen Ln., Auburn, CA 95602. Earl and Bunnie write, "We moved into a brand-new home on an acre of land — things we weren't looking for at first. We enjoy the community and

more frequent visits with family."

The town of Auburn is on I-80, and the Walkers would enjoy seeing classmates traveling through. By the time you read this, the Walker family will have increased by two and the number of their grandchildren to five.

Rob and Betsy Stout '65

Weaver missed our reunion for a forgivable reason: they were at a funeral family gathering (son-in-law's family). They are reveling in their first grandchild, Camilla. Rob and Betsy spent a week in the Cotswolds last spring and expect to be in Wooster for Betsy's 40th reunion this summer.

Jim Pope missed our reunion, too. He was swimming in the Masters World Championships in Italy (check his Web page, <jpope.utoledo.edu>), after teaching at Leiden University in Germany. Jim spent the rest of the summer in New England, teaching a class at the U of Toledo via the Web. Find him at <vaticandrj@hotmail.com>.

Gretchen and I (**Jim**) have no grandchildren (no children has something to do with it), but thanks to productive nieces and nephews, we have added three grandnieces in the past few months, bringing the total to 14 (or is it 15)?

Does snowbirding count as travel? Southern Florida's not much to write home about, but it's warm in February and March. If we don't

spend a couple of summer months in England, we hope to do a fall driving tour of the West. I haven't done that since I retired, and we've never done it together.

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1965

Ghulam Masih Nasrani is the associate minister for pastoral care at Zion United Church of Christ in Lehigh, PA. He assists with visitations, does some counseling, and gives the sacraments to shut-ins. Ghulam earned an M.Div. at the Lancaster Theological Seminary (United Church of Christ). He began at Memorial United Church of Christ in Easton, PA, as assistant minister for youth and Christian education.

While on the board of directors overseeing UCC mission work, Ghulam traveled to the Middle East. He also served UCC churches in Hazleton and Shepton, PA, co-founded Meals on Wheels in Hazleton, and started the first day care center in the church there. Ghulam retired from full-time ministry in 1997.

Last November **Carol Magill McDougald** convened several classmates at her home in Sedona, AZ, for the second annual reunion of college chums. Houseguests from across the country gathered to enjoy



A mini-reunion, 1965-style. These '65 classmates gathered in Sedona, Ariz., and posed in front of the Grand Canyon. (Back row, left to r) Nina Thomas Taylor, Karen Depew Stevens, Carol Fuller Syvertson, Carol Magill McDougald; (Front) Nancy Waite-Kahn, Nancy Winder Carpenter, Jean Patterson Clarkson, Barb Marsh Fedeler

a weekend of fun and fellowship. Amid a smorgasbord of treats (sweltering in the warmth), a bagpiper, bonnily-clad, serenaded the guests for *auld lang syne*. Carol's husband, John, dutifully and cheerfully spent many hours chauffeuring the clan, being the genial host we remember. Missing the festivities due to prior engagements were **Betsy Bedient**, **Alexandra Keith**, and **Barbara Marras Manner**.

Karelisa Voelker Hartigan updates us (**Kadi**) on her activities. With 30 years (and counting) of teaching at the U of Florida, Karelisa was involved in beginning a Ph.D. program in classics. In 2002 she published *Muse on Madison Avenue* (Peter Lang), a study of how Madison Avenue has turned to classical myth to promote its latest products.

Karelisa writes of a new interest: "I'm an actress in an improv theater troupe. We do Playback Theater for patients at the U of Florida hospital as part of the arts-in-medicine program...It's challenging and rewarding to retell the patients' stories, and doing it in the hospital setting is unique." Karelisa and her husband continue to offer port lectures on cruise ships during spring trans-Atlantic and Mediterranean trips. **KADI DEPEW STEVENS**, 328 Spruce St. #4, Philadelphia, PA 19106-4201.

1966 After 15 years on the faculty of the Wharton School and seven years

as a senior consultant with the Strategic Management Group in Philadelphia, **Paul Bowne** has accepted the position of dean of the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership at Wilkes U in Wilkes-Barre, PA. The challenge he faces, working with faculty and administrative colleagues, is to build a premier small business school. The Sidhu School offers undergraduate degrees in accounting, business, and entrepreneurship and an M.B.A. It's in the process of building a center for executive education.

Since 1970 **Charles Darling** has been teaching writing and literature at Capital Community College in Hartford, CT. He serves as the Web master for "The Guide to Grammar and Writing" Web site. Sponsored by the Capital Community College Foundation, the site receives as many as 50 e-mails a day requesting advice on matters such as sentence formation and how to complete a Powerpoint presentation. Charles has an anthology of poems on the site as well, *The Saints of Diminished Capacity*. Visit <www.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar>.

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1967 For 25 years **David Alger** has been executive director of Associated Ministries of Tacoma-Pierce

County, WA. His biggest success is the annual Pierce County Hunger Walk, which he started in 1981. Recently 1,500 participants raised \$200,000 for local food banks and international hunger programs. David personally directs the walkers and urges them through the course. At a banquet honoring his quarter of a century of service, David received the Pacific Lutheran U President's Medal. **SARA BRADLEY**, P.O. Box 599, Chautauqua, NY 14722.

1968 **Connie Sue Simpson Kaufman**

observes, "Wooster students seem to be everywhere. One year, we met one in Alaska, and over the Thanksgiving holiday this year, we met one in the airport in Manchester, NH. She was getting ready to jump-start her I.S. We all remember what that's like. Keith continues to farm (600 acres, 100 Holsteins) with his dad; I'm finishing my 33rd year in English education. The welcome mat is out, here in Jeromesville, Ohio.

PAT SILVEY and **DENNIS YANCHUNAS**, 618 Bowen St., Longmont, CO 80501-4412, <dryanchunas@comcast.net>.

1969 **Daniel S. Wright**,

<mdwright@sover.net>, writes: "In May 2004 I earned a Ph.D. from SUNY-Binghamton. My dissertation, "The First of Causes to Our Sex:" The Female

Moral Reform Movement in the Antebellum Northeast, 1832-1848," won the university's distinguished dissertation award in the social sciences. In some ways this was an extension of my I.S. on antislavery Presbyterians in Ohio, not only in terms of the topic, but also the motivation — a passion for history.

"I serve as the pastor of the Weybridge (VT) Congregational Church, UCC. My wife, **Margaret Tillinghast Wright**, is completing several years as the pastor of nearby New Haven Congregational Church. Since we each earned an M. Div. at Harvard Divinity School (me, 1972, and Margaret, 1976), we've served churches in Massachusetts, Maryland, Wisconsin, and New York State, in addition to Vermont."

Michael Bauer Reed,

<Mbr1946@aol.com>, a pastor from North Olmsted, Ohio, laments: "We have lost far too many of the great College music department scholars. I was fortunate enough to have them all for professors in the 1960s. They lived music and taught the students how to do the same.

"Dr. (Alan) Collins, Dr. (John) Carruth, and Dr. (Richard) Gore, were living legends, along with Dr. (Stuart) Ling, who's thankfully still around. My heartfelt thanks goes out to them all for a real music education that never accepted second-best. I played percussion, piano, and organ at Wooster and had a wonderful time.

"The Scot Band was a true Scottish-style marching band. The pipe band (I was the drum sergeant) was the best. These days, the band plays the old favorite Wooster tunes far too fast for my liking. We marched 6 to 5 (yards) back then, a rather large step to take on a football field; other bands marched 8 to 5. However, those big steps fit perfectly with the tempo of the Scottish songs, arranged just for us by Dr. Ling. Thanks for making me the musician and teacher that I am today, *Soli Deo Gloria*."

We have learned that **Dick Vodra** had a kidney transplant in Fairfax, VA, on Jan. 7. His son, Paul '97, was the donor. Dick writes, "I actually had a serious bout of kidney disease when I was at Wooster and

had a biopsy at the Cleveland Clinic on my 21st birthday. The doctors managed to beat it that time, and I've been following it ever since.

"My kidney function gradually got worse, and last January my doctor told me to start the preliminary workup for a transplant. I thought it was several years off, since I did not yet have any real symptoms, but in July my doctor told me I was on the transplant list and could need a new kidney within a year.

"I gave this news to my two children and asked them to consider being a donor. Paul decided he'd be willing. Turns out he was a match, he was healthy, and he had great kidneys. We got the go-ahead at the end of November. If we hadn't done the surgery, I probably would have needed dialysis by February or March. As it is, I'm recovering well and plan to return to work (as a financial planner) soon.

"The bottom line is that I've been given a terrific gift from my son (and from our society, which made this whole thing possible). I plan to take advantage of the years ahead." We hope your recovery continues to go well, Dick.

JUDY SIMKINS HAINES, 2643 Brook Valley Rd., Frederick, MD 21701, <tomjudyhaines@hotmail.com>.

1970 What's going on? Let us know.

LAURA WOLFSON LIKAVEC, 1702 Mendelssohn Dr., Westlake, OH 44145, <lauralikavec@yahoo.com>.

1971 **Steven Larson** is "happily living at the beach and taking life easy." He says, "My wife is a home health-care nurse for mothers, babies, and children. My daughter, Sarah, plays lacrosse at the new Delmarva Christian High School. She made the varsity team at Cape Henlopen High School — number two in Delaware — as a freshman last year and is the leader of her team this year. I run a Ford Lincoln Mercury dealership at the beach — as close as I can get to retirement now — and am looking into teaching at Delmarva. God has been good to us."

Janet Cross retired at the end of the 2004 school year. After living

in Wooster for more than 30 years, she moved back to New York State. There she is close to her summer camp in the Adirondacks. "I married Rob Pylman in 1998, and we're happy with life in the north country, closer to family and the mountains," she says. "I'd love to hear from people — especially Goober and Susie and **Sue Hughes**! Write to me, at 10500 Starr Hill Rd., Remsen, NY 13438 or e-mail, <Pylmancross@frontiernet.net>."

Your secretary (**Jim**) sends southern greetings from Mississippi. I'm hanging on for the ride with the schedules of my children while running my business (Pear Orchard Business Center) in Jackson. I'm reliving my Scot Band days. My youngest three children (Annie, 16, Sarah, 14, and Kevin, 12) play in the Jackson Academy Band. It has 26 members, 18 of them in junior high. See <www.jacksonacademy.org>.

The band competed in the Bands of America St. Louis Super Regional in October and Grand Nationals in Indianapolis in November. At both competitions, Jackson Academy was Class A (high school enrollment <600) Champion. My wife, Shae, and I traveled to the competitions to help with the props and equipment that filled three trucks.

Football games in the Ohio Conference never drew the crowds that my children saw at the finals. To see some of the finest U.S. high school bands, check out a BOA event in your area. See <www.bands.org>. The fellowship with the Scot Band under Dr. (Stuart) Ling and continued by the current director, Nancy Ditmer, is very special.

My oldest daughter, Annie, performed with the Bands of America Honor Band in the 2005 Tournament of Roses. The band of 330 from 42 states was chosen by audition. My oldest, Jonathan, is a junior theater major at Belhaven College here in Jackson.

JAMES K. LOWERY, 1675 Riverwood Dr., Jackson, MS 39211-4828, <jlowery@jam.rr.com>.

1972 Marshall & Sterling Enterprises Inc. selected **David C. Ridgway** as its new president and CEO. Among



The wedding of Rich Judd '99 and Angelika Janosi, June 19, 2004. (Left to r) Edgar VanHoose III '95, groom, bride, Christy Judd Lindsey '00, Brandon Good '99

the nation's largest privately-owned insurance agencies, the firm operates from 15 branch offices in New York State and two in the Virgin Islands, with nearly 300 employees. David most recently managed the office in St. Croix, where he lived for over 25 years before relocating to corporate headquarters in Poughkeepsie. He and his wife, Sue, have two children. **JAY YUTZEY**, 1254 Norwell Dr., Columbus, OH 43220, <yutzey.2@osu.edu>.

1973 **Dave Estep** writes, "Since leaving the College, I've been involved with education, most of it working with children with a variety of special needs. I also had a short stint as a fourth grade teacher — an incredible ride — and many years of teaching graduate students. For the past four years, I've been a special education administrator, a rewarding step. My wife, Cath, and I celebrated our 28th anniversary last June; our daughters are 20 and 26.

"Having lived in or near Boston since 1974, I have become a card-carrying member of the 'Red Sox Nation,' so last summer, ending with the World Series, was particularly gratifying. I'm interested in hearing from old friends, most of whom would count themselves members of the amorphous, appropriately-named group known as 'The Blob,' folks from '72, '73, and '74. Find me at 156 Hartwell Ave., Littleton, MA 01460 or <estep@verizon.net>." **SUZANNE SCHLUEDERBERG**, 3385 Carl Ct., Ann Arbor, MI 48105, <suz@umich.edu>.

1974 I (**Kim**) have heard from many of you since taking over as secretary. Keep the e-mails coming.

David and **Bonnie Macmillan Slobodien** say hello to everyone. Bonnie was on my hall in our freshman year, so we go way back.

Bill Rahn also sends greetings, "I've spent the last five years with the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation in Little Rock, AR. Previously I worked with a regional foundation based in Mississippi. Before that I practiced law, primarily with legal services programs in Arkansas. My wife, Ann Scoggins, does occupational therapy in the public schools. We have three children in their teens." E-mail Bill at <scograhn@att.net>.

Nancy Homans '77 wrote about herself and her husband, Garry Hesser, a former Wooster sociology professor with whom many of us had classes. After 23 years as a St. Paul city planner, Nancy jumped over to the state department of finance, putting together the budget for Minnesota.

Last year Garry was named the "number one" professor in Minnesota by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. He teaches sociology at Augsburg College and is nationally known for his work in experiential education. E-mail Garry and Nancy at <hesser@earthlink.net>.

I recently saw **Dorothy Hay Kurtz**, a psychologist in Lexington, KY, with her husband, Lou. Dorothy's son, Andrew, is a freshman at Oberlin College. We hadn't seen each other in some 25-odd years. It

Giving Each Child a Chance

She's a successful lawyer who, in her spare time, defends the defenseless — children stuck in bad places through no fault of their own.

Attorney **Wendy Newton '77** received the 2004 Senator John Heinz Award for outstanding community service for her work at KidsVoice in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The organization advocates for Allegheny County's abused and neglected children, taking them through the legal system. Originally Newton worked as an advocacy lawyer at KidsVoice. She now pursues the organization's vision as a KidsVoice board member.



Wendy Newton '77

Newton is a shareholder of Buchanan Ingersoll PC in Pittsburgh, where she has worked since 1981. She was the first woman to be elected to the firm's five-person management committee and was subsequently named to its board of directors.

Newton credits Wooster for some of her success. "I was an English major; my I.S. was my own writing. While I don't write poetry very often anymore, writing itself is very important in law school and ultimately in the practice of law." She also learned time-management skills in college. "I was constantly involved in things in addition to academics — tennis, *The Thistle* (literary magazine), Wayne County Prison visitation. I won the Galpin Award, which I viewed as an affirmation of the balance in my life, including community involvement.

"It isn't the attraction of social work per se; rather, it is the belief that we have a responsibility to give back," she asserts. Early in her career, Newton knew how important pro-bono work was to her. She has won several other accolades for community leadership.

"I was drawn to KidsVoice because the group serves children who have done nothing wrong. They were just born into a difficult situation," she says. Hoping to provide a safe and permanent home for every child, KidsVoice launched a unique service model. Experienced child advocacy lawyers work with professionals from a variety of fields, such as domestic violence victim advocacy, mental health, child development, social work, the treatment of substance abuse, and special education. KidsVoice is working with the University of Pittsburgh to assess the model's results thus far.

Newton knows that she and KidsVoice are making a difference. "KidsVoice strives to permit every child in the system to have a chance to succeed. Not all do, but the goal is to give every child a chance, within her/his own potential."

—Leah Koontz '06

those who did vote) had changed their vote for Kerry, he'd be president. So it was a down-to-the-wire event here.

How about you? Weigh in on this if you'd like or have perspective to share. Hope to hear from you. Peace.
KIM TAPIE, 5511 Canaan Center Rd., Wooster, OH 44691-9611, <ktapie@whmhrb.org>.

1975 Send some news to fill this space.

ANDREA J. STEENBURG SIMMERS, 2121 Breeds Rd., Owings Mills, MD 21117-1646, <asimmers@mail.ruxtoncountyschool.org>.

1976 This update comes from **Shelley**

Stokes Turnbow of Marlboro, MA: "Exciting news — Jerry and I have had the second boy we always hoped for. A happy and healthy Nathaniel Stokes Turnbow was born in Apr. 2004, and yes, I had just turned 50! (Our generation is definitely redefining age!) Our son, Justin (10), is in seventh heaven with his baby brother and keeps us busy with sports, Boy Scouts, theatre, and fourth-grade projects. I continue to enjoy all that is involved in teaching elementary music to grades K-5.

"Jerry Turnbow '77 is facing the challenges of running the Fitness Center for Hanscom Air Force Base (as a civilian) in a temporary building while his new center is being built. We all love the outdoor activities provided by the four seasons, gorgeous mountains, beautiful ocean beaches, Boston, and the great biking paths here throughout scenic New England. Come and visit us anytime." Find Shelley and Jerry at 639 Hosmer St., Marlboro, MA 01752.

Larry Kurth is president of the 2004-05 Fiesta San Antonio (TX) Commission. Fiesta is a 10-day party, April 15-24 this year, that features over 100 events reflecting the city's culture, especially the Hispanic influence. Larry, his wife, **Abby Wilson Kurth**, and their twin daughters, Erika and Dana (15), planned to ride in the event's three parades, the last of which was to travel in front of the Alamo. Check it out at <www.fiesta-sa.org>.

Shirley Ann Jakupca Walker

really enjoyed playing in the alumni band at Homecoming 2004. "It was so much fun seeing old friends and meeting new people. My two daughters came with me and absolutely loved the campus. Thanks to Nancy Ditmer (music) for the great day. It seems years ago that I played in the jazz ensemble alumni band when Clarke Terry came to the College. Are there plans to repeat that or to have a symphony alumni day?"

Shirley published a story in a past issue of *Llama* magazine (also online, at Lamalink.com). "Yes, a llama was given to my daughter. What creatures they are!" she says.

Last October **Jeff Jae** organized a trip to hike "50 for 50" in the Grand Canyon (see photo on page 50). Jeff, **Kit Arn**, **Dave Branfield**, and **Dave Schafer** hiked from the South Rim to the North Rim and back. Four days, 50 miles, for their 50th birthdays.

On Apr. 18, 2005, **Andrew J. Matonak** took the office as the sixth president of Hudson Valley Community College in New York. A sociology major at Wooster, he holds a master's degree in student personnel administration from Michigan State U and an Ed.D. in higher education administration from the U of Houston. He previously served as president of Northwest Iowa Community College and vice president for student development at Lakeland Community College in Ohio.

Debi Smith Jaworek performs as Debi Smith. A well-known solo artist, she and her unique singing group, The Four Bitchin' Babes, recently packed the historic Southern Theater in downtown Columbus, Ohio, to standing room only. Debi and the Babes continue to earn high praise from music critics around the country.

Among the fans in the Columbus audience were **Nancy Troy** and **Bruce Koppert**. Bruce says that he and Nancy "were able to claw our way backstage at intermission to see Debi for some 10-15 minutes. It was great fun and a superlative concert!"

The editors apologize to **Ted Hammond** and **Don Federico** for placing their notes in the wrong class column in the last issue. Ted and Don are each in the Class of

was great to catch up. E-mail Dorothy at <l.kurtz@insightbb.com>.

My college roommate, **Nancy Lammert**, writes from near Jacksonville, FL, that she and husband Bob Redfern survived the hurricanes with less damage than the folks on the coasts. Daughter Megan is a freshman at the U of Florida, and son Andrew is a senior high school soccer player. Nancy chairs the department of pathology at Memorial Hospital. E-mail "Lams" at <NLRB9@comcast.net>.

If any of you are in the Wooster neighborhood, give me (Kim) a call, at (330) 345-5208 or e-mail me in advance. The worst you could get is a mention in this column.

Class notes topic "O' the Day:" How did you feel about the red/blue 2004 election? I heard James Hodges (history, emeritus) lecture at Kiwanis on the history of U.S. elections. He said that they have a normal ebb and flow, like most of history's trends. Loss of the Southern democrats, who became more aligned with conservative Republicans, ushered in this era of slightly red dominance vs. blue. Iraq and terrorism combined in the exit polling to far outweigh the moral value response, as a reason for the way people voted.

Hodges also said that most undecided voters did not choose their candidate until election day. In Ohio, if only 60,000 voters (among

1976, not 1977.

DANA VANDENBERG MURPHY, 3175 Warrington Rd., Shaker Heights, OH 44120-2428.

1977 Phyllis Smith Simmons has been appointed the first principal of Bayard Rustin High School, which will open in Westchester, PA, in September. Phyllis has served as principal at G. A. Stetson Middle School since Valentine's Day, 2000. Husband **Herb Simmons** is now in real estate. Son Remington is in his second year of college in North Carolina; son Elliot is in middle school. In August the Simmonses will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. They would love to hear from Wooster alums at <simmphyl@msn.com>.

Larry Ackerman works for the National Schizophrenia Foundation in Lansing, MI. He is devoting most of his time to the Prison Project, a research effort connected with Michigan U. Larry goes inside of prisons to start support groups among convicted felons. He says, "There is so much waste going on, even when you consider that society has to keep itself safe." The folks he works with strive to bloom where they are planted. Supported by his wife, Sandy, Larry is able to work in spite of degenerative disk disease. Sandy is a professional writer. Larry would love to hear from you at <larrya@nsfoundation.org>.

Susan Fiette-McGilvary has been nominated for the Disney Teacher of the Year for 2005. Susan has taught special education for 20 years and earned a master's from The College of William and Mary in 1997. In 1998 Susan was one of seven National Teachers of the Year; she's been teacher of the year in several school systems. Last year Susan spoke at a national education conference in San Francisco. She teaches fifth grade at Virginia Avenue-Charlotte DeHart Elementary School in Winchester, VA.

See feature note on page 49 about **Wendy Newton**. And see the Class of '76 column for news of **Jerry** and **Shelley Stokes '76 Turnbow**. **BONNIE SAVAGE**, 4306 River St., Willoughby, OH 44094-7815,



Rim to rim to rim. Hikers (from left) Dave Branfield, Kit Arn, Jeff Jae, and Dave Schafer, '76s, at the Grand Canyon

<bonniesbee@sbcglobal.net>.

1978 Rob Hoffman is beginning a new career as a financial advisor with UBS Financial Services in Santa Fe, NM, after 22 years on Wall Street as a sell-side fixed income banker. He writes, "I look forward to meeting and greeting any Wooster alumni who find their way to Santa Fe or who are lucky enough to already live here. My home e-mail is <robnrobert@hotmail.com>. Greetings to Snipe, Andy, and all my Wooster friends. If the former **Justine Simone** is out there, give me a holler; I would love to hear from you. Best to all!"

A news article about Hood Theological Seminary mentioned that **Cynthia Kever** has been the head librarian there for a decade. The small seminary was founded in South Carolina over 100 years ago by the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. When Cynthia took her position, the collection numbered 18,000 books. Today it has grown to 30,000. The library recently received a significant grant from the Henry Luce Foundation to help strengthen the collection. Cynthia calls her boss, seminary president Albert Aymer, a fantastic leader. **WENDY BEATTY-BURG**, 340 Gosling Dr., North Wales, PA 19454-2726, <BeattyBurg@aol.com>, and **MARY BREINER**, 1092 Homewood Dr., Lakewood, OH 44107-1450, <mtbreiner2002@yahoo.com>.

1979 We (Jennifer and Pat) have written to all available e-mails on our class list, through the last names begin-

ning with "H." If you did not receive our cheery "get in touch" e-mail, the chances are we either do not have your Internet address, it's outdated, or your server does not like my server and kicked it back. We're anxious to hear from you. Please write.

Phil and **Linda Buda Diller** live in Cincinnati, where Phil is the residency director of family medicine at the U of Cincinnati. Linda is still home schooling four of their seven children and pursuing a marketing opportunity in the wellness industry with Shaklee. The Dillers' oldest son, Nathan, is a sophomore at the U of Cincinnati. Phil says, "Life is good! We love it here and welcome visitors."

Sylvie Dalluge Dahnert is a criminal defense and family law attorney in Jefferson, WI. Husband David is an organic dairy farmer, daughter Joy is married, daughters Grace and Abigail are in college, son Matt is in high school, and daughters Naomi and Sharon are in middle school. "Wisconsin winters are spent indoors," Sylvie says, "while summers are spent on the rodeo circuit with kids and horses." E-mail her at <Sylvie@Dahnertlaw.com>.

Care Crawford enjoyed being with friends at the reunion last June. She writes, "My husband and I live in Los Angeles. I am the pastor of congregational life at Bel Air Presbyterian Church, a large congregation in LA where I do lots of events. We enjoy many opportunities with music and theater and all that the city provides. My husband teaches at Beverly Hills High School...We keep up with Wooster friends **Brian Lange**, **Cyndi Raftus McDowell**, and **Elaine Fisher Frank** and won-

der where **David "Snorts" Allen** is!"

In Minneapolis, MN, **Mary Beidler Gearen** says she's "happy to support the Woo U effort" for news. She's still in theatre, mostly directing and producing since her marriage to Jim and the arrival of Molly (now 7).

Mary continues, "After Woo, I figured out a thyroid health issue, lived for five years in NYC (the best year was with Cyndi McDowell), and moved to Germany for a year where I did acting and singing in Munich, Vienna, and Salzburg. I returned to the States and finished an M.A. in theatre history and literary criticism from Ohio State U and an M.F.A. in performance from the Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. I continued to do acting, taught at the conservatory, Miami U, and the U of Cincinnati, then moved to Chicago for a really fun life of acting for six years or so. I won some awards and did some new play development.

"At 40 I got married to long-time friend Jim (who's in commercial real estate), moved to Minneapolis, had Molly, produced a couple of shows in St. Paul, directed a couple in Minneapolis, and had my off-Broadway directing debut in NYC — a circle! I enjoy a happy community and church life, am lucky to have both of my parents and my siblings, and feel blessed." Contact her at <mbgearen@aol.com>.

Steve Glick stayed in Wooster and is now a lieutenant with the Wooster Police Department. He's worked for the department for 26 years. Steve writes, "I graduated from the FBI National Academy in June 2001. I'm married to Liz Eberhart '81. My oldest son, Edward '07, plays Scot football, and I serve on the 'W' Association board."

Annie Knapp '80 and **Doug Dill** have lived in Akron for 10 years, while Doug has worked as an administrator at New Covenant Christian Academy in Walton Hills. "Half of our children are in college," Doug says. "Emily graduates from Ohio State, and Tim is a sophomore at the U of Central Florida. Annie home schooled them and home schools Bethany (grade 6) and David (grade 1). We love our church in Canal Fulton, where we've gone

for 11 years."

Chris Hein says, "Please tweak my e-mail to <ChristopherHein@gmail.com>. I'm glad to hear from the Woo crew and am already looking forward to the next reunion."

A few short bits: Rachel Spatz, the oldest daughter of **Jeff** and **Paige Spatz**, will begin at Wooster in the fall. **George Zambie** now lives in New Philadelphia with his wife, Lorie, and children. In New Mexico **Fred Shaw** runs his own carpentry business.

JENNIFER REED JONES, 3721 McClelland Blvd., Joplin, MO 64804, <xojones@aol.com>, (417) 781-4215, and **PATRICIA STOCKER CLINKER**, 1805 Heritage Cir., Dover, OH 44622, <trishie007@hotmail.com>, (330) 343-6477.

1980 Sarah Conover Butturini has changed her e-mail address to <sbutturini@charter.net>. She would really like to hear from **Kay Spetrino** and **Karen Burhans**.

And here are some corrections from the Winter 2005 column: **Martha Kallstrom's** e-mail address is <makallst@aol.com>.

We apologize to **Charlotte Sommers**, who lives up north, not in the South as we stated in the last issue. Charlotte writes, "The magazine reported that I am the new pastor of Northminster Presbyterian Church in Troy, AL. I actually live in Michigan, not Alabama. And I'm not a native of Alabama, but rather I grew up in Birmingham, MI, which is near Troy. Michigan and Alabama are a ways apart!"

"My new call has been great. I'm a solo pastor and I love it. It is also nice to be near family again. My parents are still in Birmingham, and a brother's family lives nearby."

SUSAN ESTILL, 1817 Keller Lake Dr., Burnsville, MN 55306-6378, <sestill58@comcast.net>; **DON LEAKE**, 300 High Gables Dr. Apt. 208, Gaithersburg MD 20878-7428; and **JENNY WATSON**, 1551 Oakmount Rd., South Euclid, OH 44121, <jlwats626@aol.com>.

1981 For those of you who were putting off writing to **Bill McGlashan**,

(From left)
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Stephanie
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you're in luck — he's moved! He can now be reached at 98B Sweetgrass Dr., Carbondale, CO 81623 or <flyphishin@comcast.net>. Bill says he had a business opportunity that was too good to pass up. He moved from crowded (but sunny) San Diego to a place only 200 yards away from the Roaring Fork River and gold medal fly-fishing. Bill sent a picture he took of the area, outside of an old marble mining town — just beautiful.

Bill lives 30 miles (door to lifts) from SnowMass Ski Resort and 35 miles from the base of Aspen Mountain. He and his family welcome any Wooster pals to visit and experience their mountain paradise: "We can get you into trophy Rainbow and Brown trout or steep and deep powder. Just let us know when, and we'll make it happen."

Barb Shelli Sullivan sends greetings from New York and notes that the input from the Class of 1981 is either feast or famine. Not wanting to see me (**Lou**) "starve" for news, she offers some notes on where life has taken her in 24 years.

Barb reminisces about getting some junk mail while at Wooster that read, "Dear Fellow Cigar Smoker" — which she was not. Ironically, though, she left her position as vice president of human resources with a high tech company to head up HR at General Cigar Holdings, <www.cigarworld.com>. The multi-million dollar company makes premium hand-rolled cigars, including Macanudo.

Barb says it's been challenging to go from a high-tech to a rather low-tech product, but her 4,500 constituents are great. She travels extensively, including visits to operations in the Dominican Republic and

Honduras. The French she took at Wooster has been a little help, but alas, Spanish would have served her better. Her children were amazed and shocked that she actually ate goat on one of her trips. They asked if she was going to start serving it at home in Scarsdale! Reach Barb by e-mail at <bsullivan@gcigar.com>.

I signed up to serve as class secretary due mainly to the prodding of several of you who promised to send news. Time to make good!

LOU OCKUNZZI, 9789 Woodhurst Dr., Strongsville, OH 44149-1375, <louockunzzi@yahoo.com>.

1982 Cindy Kershner Harper and her family moved from Rochester to Denver in Jan. 2004. They jumped into their new life with lots of skiing and kid's sports as well as year-round school. They adopted Helena (now 5) from Sakhalin Island, Russia, in Dec. 2002. She adores her big brothers, Zack and Tim. Contact Kersh at 290 Clare Dr., Castle Rock, CO 80108 or <vcharper@comcast.net>.

Kersh visited **Kathy Wolf Jones**, her husband, and their six kids on Cape Cod a few summers ago. Kersh saw Barb Shelli Sullivan '81 in NYC last fall, when she was in town for a conference, and saw Melanie Easter Schwind '81 in Rochester at Christmas. Melanie has a daughter who is a college first-year. **BARBARA BROWN**, 2151 Fairmount Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105, <wish-boneandbarb@hotmail.com>; **JOHN P. SHAFER**, 6208 Ridge Pond Rd. Apt. F, Centreville, VA 20121-4061, <shaferjp@hotmail.com>; and **SUSAN LANCASTER TONER**, 11593 Westbury Pl., Carmel, IN 46032, <susan_toner@hotmail.com>.

1983 Well, Class of 1983, since I (**Dave**) volunteered for this honor at our 20th reunion, the news from you has been spotty at best. I decided to start asking folks directly.

Tyler Shores responded with the following: "I'm a math and computer science teacher at Annapolis (MD) High School and coach boys lacrosse. I have two children, Chelsea (14) and Dustin (11). And I am still married to Michelle; we're coming up on 18 years.

"I saw **Todd Burns** a few summers ago and e-mail **Jim Sites** every now and then. Thanks for taking the time to ask how I'm doing. Second floor, Second Section rules!"

Deborah Woodward took the bench in January as the new Ashland County (Ohio) Common Pleas Judge. With more than 20 years of experience, she served as a Common Pleas Magistrate in both Ashland and Richland Counties and is a former Ashland County prosecutor.

Kevin Balkam writes: "Hope all is well with you. I'm now with Riverbed Technology, a start-up company based in San Francisco. We make a unique appliance solution that significantly accelerates applications across wide-area networks and the Internet. I manage the sales operations in the NYC metro area. Prior to that, I was with Cisco Systems in NYC for about 10 years.

"I still live in Long Island. I'm married with two kids, and life has been good. I play lots of golf when I can, and I just started playing lacrosse again in an over-40 league. The reaction instincts are still there, but the eyes and body can't always deliver. I have tons of fun coaching my son's fourth-grade lacrosse team.

"Our family spends lots of time at our beach house in slower-lower Delaware. I'd love to catch up with some former OAT brothers and friends from the past. Take care and stay in touch." Here is Kevin's e-mail address: <kmb5004@yahoo.com>.

Be watching your inbox for an e-mail from me (Dave). If you just can't wait, send me a note!

DAVE MARTIN, 6874 Rosedale Ct., Mason, OH 45040, <dkmboater@hotmail.com>.

1984 Tom Rancich was recently awarded the Bronze Star in Afghanistan, "for meritorious achievement in connection with combat operations against the enemy while serving as Commander, Naval Special Operations Forces Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, from 21 April to 21 July 2003...he led his unit to the pinnacle of efficiency and professionalism, whether it acted as a supported or supporting unit..." Congratulations, Tom.

Gordon Heingartner updates us: "We have lived in Madison, WI, for four years and really like it here. My wife, Ann Junkin '85, and I have two daughters, Laurel (6) and Sophia (3). I work for the Madison Water Utility and taught geology for three years at the U of Wisconsin-White-water. I hope to get back into teaching in college, which is what I enjoy the most. Ann is a bilingual resource specialist at a high school in Madison. I volunteer for a local radio station, producing a weekly news show."

Kathy Jirus says, "I don't have any grand, exciting, or eventful news. About four years ago, I bought a house in Cleveland, where I live with my two Labrador retrievers, a chocolate and a yellow. I adopted the yellow Lab last June from a pet rescue. He has been a challenge and a joy. I still teach elementary P.E. in the Cleveland Municipal School District. With all the cuts and changes, I'm grateful to have a job."

Note my (Lisa's) new e-mail. **SUE STEINKRAUS MCDANIEL**, 81 Church St., Fairport, NY 14450, <Mcdanielfive@aol.com>, and **LISA YOUNG PAGE**, 690 Lanark Ln., Painesville, OH 44077, <Lypage@sbcglobal.net>.

1985 Franklin U in Columbus, Ohio, honored **Shah Hasan** and another faculty member with the university's prestigious Robert L. Bailey Teaching Award, given each trimester to one graduate and one undergraduate faculty member. A Hilliard resident, Shah has earned this award each year since 2001! He teaches in Franklin's M.B.A. and M.S. in marketing and communication pro-

All Hazards Alert

An acronym developed by an Emergency Management volunteer could become commonplace in American households and beyond. "AHAB", for



Daphe Upham Kilburn '84

"All Hazards Alert Broadcast" systems, is the term being applied to warning siren systems for tsunamis and other hazards or disasters. Such systems are being discussed and implemented across the country and possibly in Asian nations that are looking to improve their coastal warnings.

In 2003 **Daphne Upham Kilburn '84** developed the term in Port Townsend, Washington. This past January, AHAB was used to describe the hazard warning systems in a U.S. Senate bill.

"These systems need a catchy, short name to help everyone become familiar with the warnings," Kilburn says. "People need to know what to do when they hear the loud sirens go off."

"It's gratifying that someone can get involved as a volunteer on a local level and come up with an idea that could take hold internationally and help people to be more prepared for disasters. That's neat," she adds. Kilburn has volunteered with the Jefferson County, Washington Emergency Management department for three years.

The AHAB acronym evolved out of the image of author Herman Melville's Captain Ahab (from the novel, *Moby Dick*) up in the crow's nest of his ship, looking out to sea to spot the great beast of a whale that threatened his crew. The twenty-first-century siren mounted on a pole somewhat resembles the good captain on the lookout.

These systems are developed by more than one company, but the AHAB acronym can describe any such pole-mounted community warning system. Other countries are investigating the installation of such devices. The high-decibel loudspeaker can be heard for a mile or more.

grams. He's also the director of human capacity development at Columbus State Community College. Previously, Shah served as assistant program chair in Franklin's M.B.A. program.

"I am so grateful for this affirmation of the impact good teaching has on people's lives," he said. "I just really enjoy teaching."

JENNIFER BURROWS LANDEFELD, 589 Ayers Ave., Turtle Creek, PA 15145, <jennsbl@jennsbl.com>.

1986 Let us hear from you, '86ers.

PETER ANDERSON, 15336 Faysmith Ave., El Camino Village, CA 90249-3914, <pdanderson3@aol.com>, and **CHARLES RYAN**, 1302 Ridge Rd., Laurel Hollow, NY 11791, <Charles.Ryan@frx.com>.

1987 Brent Spruill earned a degree in allied health sciences from the U.S. Armed Forces and is working on a health care management degree. He also played on the practice squad for the New England Patriots.

Ian Fried, Eric Wertz, Sal Midolo '86, **Brian Carl**, and **Daniel Rozmiarek** had a mini-reunion in July 2004. It was the first time all five had been together since graduation. They toured Washington, DC (see photo on page 53).

I (Lisa) recently heard from **Karen "Gumby" Johnson**, the vice president for university relations at Midwestern U. Karen was named one of "Today's Young Executives" by the *Business Ledger*, a Chicago newspaper. She continues to add to her family by adopting dogs from the local shelter. Karen maintains homes in Chicago and Arizona and is going to Hawaii to celebrate her 40th birthday this year. Send birthday greetings to <KJohns@midwestern.edu>.

On Jan. 15 former Scot women's basketball players suited up for their annual alumni game at Timken Gymnasium on the Woo campus. Participants included **Jill Edwards Thompson**, Gumby, and yours truly (Lisa). A good time was had by all, with no major injuries!

Michael Kostyack is the prin-

cipal at Smith Elementary in the Berea (Ohio) City Schools. He lives in Seven Hills with his wife, Alaina, and daughters Arlene (9), Georgia (6), and Maria (3). Mike would love to hear from friends at <mpk1203@cs.com>. He says that **David Peterjohn** is a guidance counselor at Shaker Heights High School. **LISA DIMENT PANEPENTO**, 4130 Mallard Way, Wooster, OH 44691, <LBPanepento@wooster.edu>.

1988 What's new, folks? Let us know.

DEB CELINSKI, 6890 Talbot Dr., Parma, OH 44129-5410, <dacelinski@core.com>, and **CATHY CAMPBELL WRIGHT**, 40 Maplewood Dr., Athens, OH 45701, <catcwright@aol.com>.

1989 I (Beth) had a wonderful Christmas card from **Laura Gaither**. She and her husband, David Kirby, were sorry to miss the reunion last summer — they were traveling in Kenya! The once-in-a-lifetime trip had Laura thinking fondly of the friends she met at Wooster who were from East Africa. The Gaithers went on two safaris and saw lots of lions and elephants. They "had a very enriching experience exploring the country and meeting the people."

After three years of post-doctoral fellowships for David at Cornell U and Duke U, he has accepted a lectureship position at the University of Manchester in England. Laura hopes to continue her work in architectural antiques and retro/vintage furniture sales. She's looking forward to getting back to Scotland (she studied in Aberdeen during her junior year at the College). For now, Laura and David can be reached at 3 Ballbrook Ave., Flat 1, Didsbury, Manchester, M20 6AB England or <davlau@yahoo.com>. "Come and visit!"

It turns out that **Michael Saxon** and I (Beth) live across town from each other — he bought a house on the northeast side of Columbus about four years ago. Michael works at the Victoria's Secret home office as a payroll consultant and is assisting them with a system conversion.

Brian and Donna Giver **Johnston** live in Ohio now, too.

Donna is associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Findlay, and Brian enjoys being a stay-at-home dad to daughter Rebecca (second grade) and son Christian (4). He also serves as interim director of youth ministry at First Presbyterian.

Brian went to Wooster for Homecoming 2004 and, along with **Adam Cohen** and other band alums from various class years, joined the Scot marching band in the halftime show. He thoroughly enjoyed it. (See *Wooster*, Winter 2005, page 8.) "Rumor has it that the next chance for a band alumni reunion will be in 2008."

Congratulations to **Kathy Davis**, who married Barry Patterson in June 2003. Several Wooster friends attended their wedding: **Amy and Scott Stratton-Smith, Tom Stewart, David Llewellyn**, Aline Roberts Heiser '88, and Dan Sponseller '87. Kathy and Barry met at Ohio State U's Medieval and Renaissance Faire in May 2001. ("Except for 2004, I've done the Faire's publicity artwork for the past several years," Kathy says.) Barry is a software systems specialist for Mellon Financial Corp. in Pittsburgh, PA, and Kathy is a tenure-track assistant professor of English at Kent State's Tuscarawas campus in New Philadelphia. Reach them at 612 Lovers Ln., Steubenville, OH 43953 or <wyvernkd@comcast.net>. "I'd love to hear from Wooster

folks!" Kathy says.

BETH KAMPMEIER PALMER, 1980 Northwest Blvd., Columbus, OH 43212, (614) 985-2276, <evkamp@hotmail.com>.

1990 We begin our class notes with a serious bit of news. Jehan CanagaRetna '91 and his family observed first-hand the results of the tsunami in Sri Lanka in December (see 1991 column).

Christina Boyd Smith announces the arrival of Pema Susanne Kriti Boyd-Smith. She was born in Nepal on Oct. 16, 2003, and arrived home on Dec. 3, 2004. Congratulations!

Sonal Domadia Starr checks in from North Carolina, where she still works for IBM. She and her husband visited India with their children, Nishant (6) and Kavita (3).

"After living in the Boston area for 10 years," says **Terri Lowe Donovan**, "my husband Mike, three kids, Katie (7), Grace (4), and Billy (3), and I moved to Hudson, Ohio, this past summer." Terri would love to reconnect with Wooster friends at <donovan5@alltel.net>.

Husein Kitabwalla is vice-president of development of the retail brand group, Sodexo USA. This group has created food-service brands such as Jazzman's Café, Pandini's, Mein Bowl, and Strutters. Originally from Mombasa, Kenya, Husein worked in food service at the

College. Ashland U hired him as catering manager, and he worked his way up to food service manager.

Husein then developed brands for Disneyland and joined Wood Dining Services, a Sodexo company, to create retail brands for clients in business and industry, health care, and education. "The most difficult business decisions involve being true to the brand," he says. "You insist on fresh ground beef when frozen patties might be easier or more cost-effective."

Peter Mack checks in, "After 10 years of teaching in Rhode Island, my wife, Renee, and I picked up and moved to the Cate School in Carpinteria, CA." Peter is director of admissions and enrollment there, and Renee is the athletic trainer. They have two boys, Theo (3) and Emmett (4). Lost friends can contact Peter at <Peter_Mack@cate.org>.

From Kansas City, MO, **Sean Pickett** writes that he's found himself traveling a great deal for work — to New York, Washington, DC, and Colorado. "I saw Qaisre in Cleveland this summer, and we had a great time catching up," he adds.

I (**Candice**) moved from Baltimore to Iowa City with my husband, Paul, and children Benjamin (4) and Claire (1). See my new address below. The move was for a job opportunity for Paul, an engineer with Magna International. I'm enjoying this time at home with my

children and getting used to the colder weather. We're looking forward to a visit from **Julie Rivinus**.

RUTH REYNOLDS COTTER, 1077 Ardsley Rd., Schenectady, NY 12308-3011; **CANDICE DAVIS PALYA**, 1078 Mulberry Ct., Coralville, IA 52241; and **JULIE RIVINUS**, 6451 Alamo Ave. Apt. 1E, Clayton, MO 63105, <wooster_90@hotmail.com>.

1991 **Dave Albert** sends this update: "I am a licensed psychotherapist, dividing my time between an agency and private practice. I got married in 2003. My wife, Catherine, is from southwestern Virginia, near the North Carolina border. We're enjoying life."

Kristen Joan Planny married Richard M. Starcher of Boston at Symmes Chapel on Cedar Mountain, NC, on Oct. 16, 2004. After Wooster, Kristen graduated from Winthrop U in Rock Hill, SC. Richard works for Bank of America in Boston as director of training and development. The couple resides in Marshfield, MA.

Jehan CanagaRetna lives in Sri Lanka, north of the coast, and described the effects of the 2004 tsunami. He wrote, "The tsunami hit around 9 a.m. on Dec. 26 (Boxing Day), with waves 50 to 60 feet high. Our bungalow in Yala (in the jungle that borders the southeastern sea) was relatively spared due to a 40-foot sand dune. The waves came over it, bringing along fishing boats. By the time they got to the bungalow, though, they had lost momentum and were about two feet deep.

"Yala or the jungles have been a part of my life for the last 10 years... We saw so much decimation on the news. Knowing the area, we could well imagine the carnage.

"Three days later, 16 of us in six four-wheel-drive vehicles drove south from where we live for 180 miles, about a five-hour trip with Sri Lankan roads, along with the trucks that carried dry rations. When we reached the coastal towns, we saw unspeakable devastation. Buildings and whole towns no longer stand. We saw more than 40 vehicles, including busses, perched in trees 30- to 40-ft. high.

"We divided into three teams to



(Left to r) Ian Fried, Eric Wertz, '87s, Sal Midolo '86, Brian Carl, and Daniel Rozmiarek '87 at the FDR memorial in Washington, DC

assist. Those who worked with the wildlife department found a boy (12), still alive. His first words were, 'Please give me some food.' He had not eaten for two days.

"No animals in the protected wildlife park died. It is known that animals have a sixth sense about impending danger. They made it to higher ground before the waves hit.

"We got the relief effort going. The response from fellow Sri Lankans has been overwhelming and fabulous. Local people rallied to provide immediate needs such as dry rations and other supplies, supplementing foreign aid.

"The next pressing need is medicines, specifically antibiotics...And the most difficult part of this disaster will be the rehabilitation of villages and towns. None of the refugees have homes to go back to; their homes have to be built. Working with other groups, we plan to choose two villages in the east and south where we can rebuild. Each house will cost around \$1500 U.S." Contact Jehan at <jehanc@ling.slt.lk> for the status of this relief work.

DON CAMPBELL, 2316 20th St. NW, Apt. 1, Washington, DC 20009-1412, <dcampbell@fec.gov>, and **KATIE JONES McCLELLAND**, 1263 Circle Dr., Arbutus, MD 21227, <rmcclelland@prodigy.net>.

1992 Hello, anybody out there have news?
KATHLEEN QUINN, 241 Johns Hill Rd., Highland Heights, KY 41076, <quinmkl@email.uc.edu>.

1993 Kelly Allen Choate writes, "A long overdue hello and update from us! Husband Corey '92 and I are doing well in Pittsburgh, PA. Daughter Lindsey is in first grade and loves school. Our son, Preston, turned two in December. Corey's business continues to grow. I'm teaching with the city schools and love it, but it's hard to find the balance between working and staying on top of the dirty laundry! We went to **Andrew Sprague's** wedding in September. It was great to see **Ken Godlewski**, **Jeff Waters**, **Doug Dantzer**, **Luke Quinlan**, **Alex Harmon**, and **Drew Nelson**."

Our illustrious class president,

Dart Schmalz, sends the following news: "I'm working on a post-doc at Penn State and things are...going. There are good days and bad. I'm hitting the job market, looking for a faculty job to start next fall, but I will at least have this to fall back on. I'm not sure I can picture myself teaching at a university somewhere. Faculty have always seemed so sophisticated and grown-up. Little do we know! On the Wooster front, I've seen 'the usuals,' like **Sandy Eyre '94**, **Erin Baker Hinojosa**, and **Nancy Hunter Mycka**."

Dart passed along the following two updates. **Amy Reese** writes, "Last fall I began as an assistant professor of microbiology in the department of biological sciences at Cedar Crest College in Allentown, PA. It's a women's school with a strong focus on science and research — a great fit. I teach several courses and have four students doing research with me.

"It was an exciting and busy fall. I'm often reminded of my Wooster days as I interact with the students. My experience at Wooster prepared me well for this position, and I look forward to more adventures! Best wishes. I'd love to hear from folks at 810 N. 30th St., Allentown, PA 18104 or <ajreese@cedarcrest.edu>."

Sarah Murchison remembers, "Wooster was always so beautiful in the fall. **Ming Chang** and I reminisce about 'move-in' week every August when we each pass cars loaded to the roof with clothes and the Costco-size boxes of mac and cheese and pop tarts. No wonder we all gained 20 pounds our first year!

"I'm also always reminded of how embarrassed I used to be by the level of my parents' participation in family weekends — my mother teaching with Ted Williams (chemistry, emeritus), and my father insisting on eating at Mom's and having 'father-daughter' beers at the Underground with **Laura Pass** and her dad, Wendell.

"I visited **Laura Pass Barry**, her husband, and daughter, **Elizabeth Reed** (1), in Williamsburg, VA. These trips always lead to late nights of reminiscing, too much wine, and an occasional 'signature' prank call to our fellow Alpha Gammas."

Susan Cochran Krenz and



The wedding of Christina Pratt '93 and Andrew Ullman, Sept. 18, 2004. (Left to r) Sarah Adkins Svoboda '93 with John, Megan Shore '93 with Caitlin, Laura Rollins '92, bride, groom, Rose Truby Scharff '94, Bob Scharff '93, Katie O'Rourke '92, Will Shiffman '93

husband William Krenz '91 live in Mill Valley, CA, with sons Spencer (1) and Max (3). William is the director of the Center of Excellence at Blue Shield of California in San Francisco, and Susan is a stay-at-home mom. She passed along news of Jay Womack '91. Jay and wife Lyn live in Kaneohe, HI, and recently welcomed a baby girl. Can you say, "Hawaiian reunion"?

Matt Trantum sends the following: "I work for First Tennessee Bank in the wealth management division and have lived in Nashville for five years. My wife, Valerie, and I have two boys, Witt (4) and Johnny Rocket, as he calls himself (2)." Contact Matt at 102 Bintree Ct., Hendersonville, TN 37075 or <MATrantum@firsttennessee.com>.

We received an update from **Christopher Myers**: "I was feeling particularly out of touch (or just lazy), until I realized that a lot of life-altering events have preoccupied me last year. In fall 2003 we found an almost-affordable corner of San Francisco real estate. Literally the day after we closed on the condo, we left for two weeks in France with Kevin and **Elaine Baran Black**."

"Last January I moved from the Web group at Charles Schwab & Co. to work on redesigning Schwab's internal software applications. (I've dodged a couple of rounds of layoffs since then). Then in February my partner and I tied the knot (see *Wooster*, Winter 2005).

"In July I was honored to be in the wedding of my Woo roommate, **Randolph Miles**, to **Laura Saetveit**. There I got to catch up with Ruth

Berry '94. Ruth sang in the wedding choir, which premiered an exquisite piece written by Randolph himself. Hours after the reception, in a random Buffalo bar, Ruthie and I were shocked and awed to run into Chris Kelly '96, who recognized us even in our crumpled formal attire.

"Amidst all of this activity, we've had visits from **Nancy Hunter Mycka**, who had a baby boy, Hunter Joseph, in Sept. 2004; my uncle, David Kovacs '67; Sara Patton '67; and Susan and Jack Russell (music). I've also reconnected with **MaryAnn Worobiec Bovio**, who has moved to Napa and is the national 'tasting coordinator' for *Wine Spectator* magazine — a rough life!

"Now that the dust of 2004 has settled, look me up at 3375 17th St. #312, San Francisco, CA 94110 or <cpherm@yahoo.com>."

CHARLIE GALL, 1030 Larkin St. Apt. 12, San Francisco, CA 94109, <charlesgall@hotmail.com>, and **KIM REMLEY**, 21 Woodbridge Road, North Andover, MA 08145, <kimandsteve1@comcast.net>.

1994 **Robert Corna** is the assistant director of "Rome," an HBO drama series about Julius Caesar, which Rob describes as an ancient version of "The Sopranos."

Rebecca Davis Gardner and her husband, David, live in Greenwood, SC. They are pleased to announce the birth of their second son, Michael. The Gardners would love to hear from old C.O.W. friends at <dandbgardner@yahoo.com>.

Leanna Hamill passed the Massachusetts bar exam and prac-



The wedding of Travis Snyder and Yael Moore, '99s, June 5, 2004. (Back row, left to r) Trina Andresen, Amelia Hankin, '99s, Abbie Lear '00, Hans Ramseyer, Kathy Ritzer, Amy Arnold, Rick Stanley, '99s, Nina Gandolfo Brandes '01, Kate Allender, Jessica Griffin, '99s, Ryan Banach '98; (Third row) Shane Flinner '06, Brian Claypoole, Jeff Nowoczynski, '99s, Tim Pettorini '95, Benny Maibach, Steve Thompson, '00s, Steve Brandes '99, Matt Rodgers '96, Jeff Gostlin '99, Tim Pettorini (baseball coach); (Second row) Erin Gertz, Wendy Graham '00s, Amy Bartlet, Jodee Rodgers, Jim Barlet, '98s, bride, groom, Jessica Critchlow '00, Sara Becca Smith '99; (Front) Chris Mihin, Andy Yanchunas, '99s, Trevor Urban '06, Barry Craddock '94

VELLENGA, 7510-11 Cove Point Dr., Raleigh, NC 27613, <vellengae@4mcd.usmc.mil>.

1997 Eric and Mandy Stanley Banner welcomed daughter Amelia Grace on Apr. 20, 2004. Mandy recently changed jobs. She works for Zurich North America in Schaumburg, IL. Reach her at <amanda.banner@zurichna.com>. All is going well!

Mark Baker writes, "Emily Smith '99 and I were married on July 12, 2003, in Grosse Ile, MI. Attending were: **Bill Hubbard**, **Paul Elliott**, Alec Henderson, Chuck Hansen, '96s, Tom McOwen '95, Robyn Tew Laditka '01 (dean's office), Doug Laditka, Jon Berenson, Meg Hall, Jessica Armstrong-Pennington Witmer, Kate Messer, '99s, **Terry Ruskin**, and Emily Dunford Hubbard '98.

"It's been a long journey, but both of us now live in Newnan, GA, just outside of Atlanta. Emily is a music therapist for the Fulton County Board of Education, and I work for Turner Broadcasting."

Tiana Lee married Frederick Korley on May 29, 2004. Congrats! **Beth Breneman Garretson** reports the birth of daughter Sarah on Dec. 30, 2003, joining brothers Dylan (4) and Hunter (2).

Maggie Carchie-Feltus writes, "I am in private practice as a music therapist on Cape Cod, serving children with autism and adults with Alzheimer's disease. I also run the Callanish School of Celtic Arts and teach Scottish highland dancing, something I did at Wooster. I have instructors who teach the bagpipe, fiddle, and Gaelic language and song.

"My husband, Thomas Leigh, and I perform Scottish Gaelic techno-pop music under the name Ru-Ra at Celtic music festivals across the country. We have a Web site where alums can read about our music and Scottish pursuits and even order our CDs. Check it out, <www.mermaid-productions.com>."

Mindy Jenkins Erdmann got married last summer and left InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, where she worked for the last six years. "I'm pursuing an M. Ed. in lit-

eracy development at Cleveland State U," she notes. "If any of you in the Cleveland area need a math or reading tutor for your kids, call me!" **SUZANNE M. FLETCHER**, 727 North Nevada Ave. Apt. 1, Colorado Springs, CO 80903, <siouxsfletch@yahoo.com>.

1998 Your faithful and devoted class secretaries (**Terry** and **Sally**) are happy to report that our threats and pleas for news paid off again. We received a bumper crop of e-mails — you have proven us wrong. We assumed that the reason not many people were writing was that they were leading boring lives in boring places. In fact, you actually lead very exciting lives in exotic parts of the world! We received so many e-mails about moves and travels that we're getting suspicious.

Not that you would make stuff up, but we think it's time to do a little fact-checking. New rule: In the future, in addition to an e-mail about your fun-filled life, we are also requesting two round-trip tickets to your place of residence (or exotic travel destination) so we can join in your fun. (This especially applies to anyone living in a sunny climate where they serve fruity tropical drinks. And we wouldn't mind if you pick up our drink tab as well. Fact-checking makes you thirsty!)

The first person we'll visit is **Mark Coates**, <markcoates@hotmail.com> in sunny Palm Beach, FL. He works for a real estate development company and loves it there, having just moved from Ottawa, Canada. (We'd love it there, too...) Mark wants to hear from Wooster grads.

Our tour moves to California, where we're looking forward to catching some sun while visiting **Matthew Scott** and **Heather McCone Hustwit**. Matt will relocate to Santa Barbara in July and looks forward to year-round farmer's markets. Reach him at <matthewscott@comcast.net>.

Heather, <mcconehustwit@yahoo.com>, recently moved to California with her husband, Ron Hustwit '95. Heather works with REI Outfitter's outreach program, teaching kids to be environmentally conscious. She enjoys hiking with her

tices law at Loring & Robinson in Scituate, MA, an elder law firm. Find her at <leannahamill@hotmail.com>.

Nikki Harrison Adams writes, "Well, 2004 was a year of change for my family. We were blessed to survive Hurricane Ivan when it hit the Florida panhandle. A lot of trees got knocked down in the backyard and the girls' swing set was destroyed, but our house remained unharmed.

"We were thrilled to welcome a baby boy on Nov 1, 2004. Logan is adored by all. His big sisters, Kelsey and Faith, think he is a doll! Soon after his birth, we moved to Georgia. Due to my husband's new job, we were transferred to Warner Robins. I'm thrilled to be away from the humidity of Florida and the threat of more hurricanes. I left behind several volunteer positions, but right now it's nice to have the free time to spend with Logan."

SARA KEREWICH-TAYLOR, 60 Bayside Ave., Oyster Bay, NY 11771, <Skstaylor@optonline.net>; **JESSICA AMBURGEY-RYAN**, 32443 Briarwood Dr., North Ridgeville, OH 44039, <Ryanjs@hotmail.com>; and **STEPHEN S. NICHOLS**, 341 Stevens Ave., Wooster, OH 44691, <Nichols_145@yahoo.com>.

1995 Elizabeth Staruch would love to hear from other alums who are in the Philadelphia area or in the fields of

theatre and dance. Find her at <danceforu@hotmail.com>. See more from Elizabeth on page 57.

Travis Booker sends greetings from Camp Cedar II, Iraq: "I arrived here after a month at Camp Virginia in Kuwait. I'm spending a year as a petroleum inventory control specialist. Then I will return to my original duty station, Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, GA. Drop me a line at <travis.a.booker@us.army.mil> or <fantraboo24@yahoo.com>."

BECCA SANDERS MASTIN, 4 Fall River Ct., Fairfield, OH 45014, <becca.mastin@fuse.net>.

1996 Jennie Lazor Jackson moved to NYC, just outside of the city, with husband Brad and daughter Nichi. Jennie and Brad have a baby boy named Douglas.

David Garritt Parsons married Christine Crystal Vollhardt on Aug. 18, 2004, at Magans Bay Beach, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. The couple honeymooned in St. Thomas, and a reception took place the following week in Greenwich, CT. David has a master's from Manhattanville College and teaches at St. Luke's School in New Canaan, CT. He and Christine live in East Norwalk. **MICHELLE PERRIGO**, Apt. C19, 2114 Sunnyside Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49048, <meesch@stratos.net>, and **ANDREW**

dog in Yosemite. (We'll skip the markets and hiking...)

Nikoo Kasmai, <nkasmai@hotmail.com>, and **Michelle Hayward**, <kenzie48@juno.com>, sent news from another destination we wouldn't mind checking out: Tennessee. Nikoo is currently there ("much to my dismay") after a move from Boston to Los Angeles. She'd like to get back to the "left coast" again, but for now, she's saving money and hanging out with lots of Wooster grads.

Michelle enjoyed the mild winter and is looking forward to buying a house with some land for her four dogs. She recently saw Carey McGilliard '00, as Carey passed through on her way to Seattle.

Lisa Elliott, <elliottlisa@hotmail.com>, reports from sunny Fort Mill, SC, where she works at the headquarters of Rainbows of Hope, a ministry for at-risk children. She was preparing to go to Spain as a missionary but was delayed for months, while waiting for a visa. So, instead of adjusting to Spanish culture, she's learning the culture of the South!

In addition to visiting our friends in the South, we wouldn't mind a ski trip to see **Dori Merrill**, <dimerrill@yahoo.com>, who's in Denver recruiting talented people to work for an ad agency. Dori got a puppy — many sleepless nights.

Two classmates who enjoyed slightly colder winters are **Matt Mariola** and **Emily Coleman Seitz**. Matt completed a master's in land resources and has applied to Ph.D. programs in rural sociology at the U of Wisconsin-Madison. He has a part-time job as a tax preparer for H & R Block (a sick, sick man).

Emily, <emilymae76@yahoo.com>, and **Jonathan Seitz** tried to keep warm in "arctic" New Jersey. Jonathan is ABD (all but dissertation) at Princeton Seminary. Emily was given a generous fellowship by Scholastic Inc. to get started on a Ph.D. in library and information science at Rutgers U.

From the always beautiful state of Ohio, we received news from **Bob Beyer**, <bobbeyer@lec.edu>, housing coordinator at Lake Erie College in Painesville. Also in Ohio, **Valya**



Members of the Class of '03 in Westport, Conn., in November. (Back row, left to r) Jess Johnson, Jen Bongiovanni, Becca Stinson, Ian O'Brien-Rupert; (Front) Jay Farrell, Britt Horton, Kristen Dershak Buccier, Keili Meyer

Antonova Kornik, <valya_kornik@hotmail.com>, married three years ago and has two sons, Stefan and Nicholas. She works for Key Bank and is preparing to be a nurse.

Holly Kyle Dixon, <outtie5@aol.com>, sent news from Ohio as well. We believe she's been spending too much time with her pillow shams: "I have reached a point in my domestic life when throw pillows are exciting." Holly, we'll take you out when we visit — to get your mind off of all that domestic bliss!

Julie Walkenhorst has moved to Ohio with her husband. They are excited to be back in the Midwest with more Wooster grads and snow. They bought a house in Grove City, and Julie hopes to get a job teaching chemistry. Reach her by e-mail at <juliewalkenhorst@yahoo.com>.

We received lots of happy news. Remember, we're available to attend weddings and baby showers, especially if they include free lunch!

Brian Grindall, <bgrindall@earthlink.net>, is settling into married life after his July 2004 wedding. Friends passing through the DC area are welcome to visit him and his wife in their new bungalow across the river in Arlington, VA.

Kaitlin Nealon, <kaitlinnealon@yahoo.com>, married Kevin Cardone last July. The couple lives in Acton, MA, where Kaitlin teaches third grade.

Kate Lyon Jackson had a baby, Stephan Randolph, on Oct. 12, 2004. Kate and her husband, Matt Jackson '97, live in Cincinnati. Send congrats to <kjackson31@cinci.rr.com>.

Sarah Sanderson-Doughty, <sahgrace76@aol.com>, and Kevin Sanderson-Doughty '95 live in the foothills of the Adirondacks, in Lowville, NY. Sarah is the pastor of

First Presbyterian Church there. Kevin is the church organist, teaches piano, and helps with the local high school musical. Sarah and Amy Hansen Bartel '97 are avid knitters — you can spot them knitting around town.

We'd be happy to hang out with **Kate Crossed Schnittman** and her husband, Aaron, as they head off to Asia with the Peace Corps this summer. Reporting on their whereabouts was **Katie Ziegler**, <katie_ziegler@yahoo.com>. Kate is "still" in Baltimore "finishing" a Ph.D. in biostatistics. She spent time in Helsinki, Finland, last year, studying and teaching. Katie was off to Amsterdam to meet **Wendy Vaerewyck**. Find Wendy at <wmvaerewyck@animail.net>.

Katie caught up with **Danielle Merkel**, **Heather McConeghy Drake**, and **Becky Bender** at Lake Tahoe. They survived the record snowfall and even got to ski!

For her job as a translator for a music composer, **Paige Stanton**, <telumee@yahoo.com>, travels in places we'd like to visit. The composer is based in France but is working to bring a multimedia show to Los Angeles in 2006. (Paige says that she'll hook everyone up with tickets!) She'll travel between southern France and Los Angeles for the next year. Life is tough.

Julie Good is also having international adventures. She's been traveling to Russia as a study abroad adviser for Middlebury College. She will be in Moscow, as well as Irkutsk, "The Paris of Siberia." (No need to send us tickets!) Send news to Julie at <jgood@middlebury.edu>.

As for us (Sally and Terry), we continue to bond over various reality TV shows. In Washington, DC,

Terry lobbies Congress for various Pacific Northwest organizations. He recently held a mini-reunion with **Sandy Kozera**. They survived a disastrous AFC title game at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh (told you we'll travel anywhere!). It was the second coldest game in NFL history, and Sandy's hot dog (hot?) froze before she could eat it.

Sally is in Buffalo, running the educational programs for Shea's Performing Arts Center and pursuing a master's in English as a second language education. To celebrate Sally's birthday, **Leah Montesano** sent her a pound of coffee from her tropical vacation in Costa Rica. (The coffee would have tasted better with a couple of plane tickets to Belize!)

Scott Shlaes writes: "I had the opportunity to spend some time with **Pat Kreider** in Minneapolis."

Carrie Johnson Jones earned a master's in education and teaches second grade for her alma mater, the Orrville City Schools. She and Jon Jones '96 had their second child in November.

TERRENCE HEUBERT, 618 F St. NE #9, Washington, DC 20002-5250, and **SALLY THELEN**, <woosterclassof1998@yahoo.com>.

1999 After 3 1/2 years of part-time night school classes — and numerous pep talks from **Rachel Evans Hicks** — **Jim Hicks** finished a master's in public administration in December at Arizona State U. Jim, Rachel, and their son, Collin (2), look forward to a slower-paced life for a while.

Tracy Wilkes Altman writes, "Hello! I hoped to make it to the reunion to see many of you, but it was a busy summer. I married my best friend, Travis Altman, on Sept. 4 — the hottest day of the year. Everything was beautiful, though, and it was a wedding beyond our dreams. E-mail me at <travalt@yahoo.com> to see pictures."

"I plan to finish a master's in school counseling this fall, and I've coached high school track and field for four years. Last fall I resigned after five years with a nonprofit agency that serves individuals with developmental disabilities. I now work at a bridal store. We live in

Small World of Woo

Elizabeth Staruch '95 writes, "I recently began teaching in the department of theatre and dance at West Chester University, about 35 miles outside of Philadelphia. While reading a campus newspaper one day, I saw that Nancy Grace (English) would be giving a lecture here. I got in touch, and we had a nice time catching up. And thanks to another alum, **Micah Woods '97**, I discovered that **Matt Herman '95** also teaches at WCU, in the School of Music. A very small world indeed..."

Laura Nesler '03 agrees. She left her position at Compass Publications Inc. to work as a managing editor at the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB) in Bethesda, Maryland. During her first week there, she struck up a conversation with a colleague and discovered that he is also a Wooster alum! **Eduardo Nunes '99** is the director of standards and international affairs. He's worked at AABB for the past six years.

wed Rob Benavides '99 last October in Baltimore (see photo on page 46.)

And **Ali Jones** married **Parker Coffman** last May (photo, page 40).

Carey McGilliard moved to Seattle last fall for grad school in fisheries science. She had a great time seeing Wooster friends on the drive west. She writes, "If anyone lives or is visiting in the area, contact me at <cmcgilliard@yahoo.com>."

See **Kirsten Blake** pictured with some late '90s pals on page 52.

Note **Maura's** new postal address.

MAURA FINN, 1035 Washington Ave. Apt. 2J, Brooklyn, NY 11225, <maurafinn12@hotmail.com>.

2001 Cheryl Cuglewski writes, "I passed the Pennsylvania state boards and am now a registered nurse! It's the perfect way to combine my love for biology and my compassion for people."

The wedding of **Daniel Buccieri** and Kristen Dershak '03 took place last August (see photo on page 37.) **JOY BISHOP**, 9566 Shaw Rd., Spencer, OH 44275, <joybishop22@hotmail.com>.

2002 On Sept. 5, 2002, **Emily White** married Kevin Christopher McKee (a Denison grad) at the Homestead Resort in Virginia. Wooster grads in attendance included Jeannie Kosinski Mackowiak '00, Margi Hazelett, Sarah Luidens, Aubrie Smith Maravillas, '01s, Erin Ryan '00, and Dan Welker '03.

Georgia Ford Neale lives in Westlake Village, CA. She writes, "Things are going wonderfully. I've worked at Countrywide Home Loans since graduation. Now I'm building computer systems as a software systems analyst. I'm also learn-

ing Krav Maga. Reach me at <georgia_neale@hotmail.com>."

Jonah Mytro started Spike Boston Volleyball in 2002, a volleyball and marketing organization that works with area businesses. He is the senior marketing manager for a full-service Internet marketing solutions firm, MediaSpike, and head coach for the La Salle College men's volleyball team. Jonah recently purchased a condo in Boston. Send e-mail to <Jonah@spikebostonvolleyball.com>.

Last June **Audra Warner** married Thomas Jurmanovich (see photo on page 33).

Michelle Vaughn Brinkley writes, "For the past two years, I have worked for Northwestern Mutual in Granville, Ohio, as an associate agent and assistant. On Sept. 5, 2004, I married Steven Brinkley, a high school friend who often visited me at Wooster (see photo on page 32). Our honeymoon in Cozumel, Mexico, was extended for two days due to Hurricane Ivan. High winds and waves deposited some wonderful shells on the beach. It was a great time."

Elite triathlete **Ryan Bates** has decided to pursue the sport full-time this year. During his nine years of triathlon experience, he has consistently placed in the top one percent of races. With All-American and All-Regional status, Ryan has raced all over Ohio.

See the feature note on page 39 for information about **Kevin Heintschel**.

MAREN L. MILLER, 1324 East Towne Ln. Apt. D, Delaware, OH 43015, <marenlmiller@netscape.net>.

2003 In January **Andrew Bonito** was scheduled to appear on Fox network's restaurant reality show, "Hell's

Kitchen," a show that's billed as a sort of "culinary boot camp." See <www.fox.com/hellskitchen/>. Find Andrew at <ABonito@coach.com>

Emily Schadler works as an interpretive naturalist with the Massachusetts Audubon Society, educating the public about sustainable agriculture and habitat conservation. She lives in Concord, MA, and enjoys traipsing around Boston with Colleen Call '04.

Emily's favorite part of post-graduate life is spending the summers in Boulder, CO, with Scott Greenaway '00. When she's not hiking or biking in the Rockies, you can find her swimming in Walden Pond. She sends smiles and asparagus to all of her friends!

The Wooster Annual Reunion Tour (or "WART") met in Akron in December. Attending were **Anika Lehman**, Patty Laatsch '04, **Sarah Moorhouse**, Kelly "Room" Robinson '06, Kirsten "Country" Lucas '04, and **Mary Bray**.

See page 56 for the photo of a gathering of '03s and '04s. And note **Marta's** new postal address. **HANNAH RUSSELL**, 99 John St. Apt. 810, New York, NY 10038, <hwr203@nyu.edu>; **KENDRA HEFFELBOWER**, 3127 11th St. NW, Washington, DC 20010, <kheffebower@yahoo.com>; and **MARTA ZABOROWSKI**, 800 W 38th St. Apt. 4204, Austin, TX 78705, <misstex80@hotmail.com>.

2004 Adam Anthony works in Wooster's computer science department as the lab administrator and networking and telecom services intern.

Following their marriage last August, **Brian and Hanneke Hoekman-Sites** moved to Tallahassee. Brian attends Florida State U Law School; Hanneke is working on a Ph.D. in FSU's anthropology department. Both would love to hear from classmates at <bds04d@fsu.edu> (Brian) or <hah04@fsu.edu>.

Naveed Ahmad writes, "I'm in London these days, so if you wish to visit, just give me a shout!"

Elizabeth Deniro is in Portland, OR, completing a year with the Jesuit Volunteer Corp. She works at Rose Haven, a facility serving homeless women and children, and lives

upstate New York. If you are in the area, we'd love for you to stop by."

We previously reported that **Leslie Knapp** left her job as a press secretary on Capitol Hill to become the communications director for a private school in Washington, DC. Her new job has connected her to several other Wooster grads. Also working at Beauvoir, the National Cathedral Elementary School, is Julianne Duncan Price '02 (teaching pre-K), who is married to Adam Price '02, and Roya Dehdashti Fardoust '83, who teaches technology. Leslie says, "I didn't know there were so many Wooster folks working at Beauvoir — a nice surprise. I love the people, and the work is great. I still live in Arlington, VA, and can be reached at <lnknapp77@yahoo.com>."

Congratulations to **Josh Stubbins** and Marice Cornfield on their Jan. 8 wedding. **Jody Clauter** reports, "It was quite nice, in downtown Milwaukee." Attending were **Curtis Gore**, Amy Johnson '01, **Jeff and Gretchen Maier Pattierson**, and Jill and **Mike DiPaolo**. Jody adds, "It felt like we were our very own B & B, when everyone crashed with us for breakfast on Saturday morning." Sounds like Milwaukee is the place to be!

Kirk Campbell, <campbellkirk_@hotmail.com>, earned an M.S. Ed. in biology from Duquesne U in 2002 and teaches biology. He lives in Lewisburg, WV, and will enter the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine this fall.

Last June **Jessica Reinhart** married Jason Lind (see photo on page 45). Two other weddings occurred that month, that of **Rich Judd** and Angelika Janosi (photo, page 48) and that of **Travis Snyder** and **Yael Moore** (photo, page 55).

Don't you love to see your name in print? If you haven't seen yours lately, send an update!

DEBORAH KRUDWIG GUTOWSKI, 1111 Churchill Rd., Lyndhurst, OH 44124, <Wooster1999@aol.com>.

2000 Bryan Partridge and **Katie Hoffman** were married on Aug. 28, 2004, in Killington, VT. Many classmates attended (see photo on page 34). More weddings: Becca Turner

with seven other volunteers. "Things are going great so far!"

Andrew David Glenn married Sarah Catherine Juzwik on July 25, 2004, at the Ashland, Ohio, farm of Mary Lou Fike, Andrew's grandmother. A reception followed at Redwood Hall on the Ashland U campus, and the couple took a wedding trip to Puerto Rico. Sarah attends Longy School of Music in Boston, and David is a business manager at Boston Trinity Academy. They reside in Somerville, MA.

SARAH SIEBERT, C-3172, 1189 Beall Ave., Wooster, OH 44691, <ssiebert@wooster.edu>.

Births & Adoptions

'98 To Gary and **Susan Norfolk Wilhelm**, a daughter, Natalie Elizabeth

'97 to **Dave** and Victoria **Carraig**, a son, Gavin William, June 22, 2004

'97 To **Brian** and Helen **Hitchens**, a daughter, Emma Catherine, Oct. 2, 2004

'97 To Jeffrey and **Kristin Dobbs Parent**, a son, Daniel Ryan, Oct. 6, 2004

'94 To David and **Rebecca Davis Gardner**, a son, Michael David, Nov. 3, 2004, joining brother Eric (3)

'93 To John and **Wendy Grady Barker**, a son, Andrew Nathaniel, Jan. 21, 2005

'92 To Jason and **Heather Adams Aguiar**, a son, Zane Joaquin, June 13, 2004

'92 To David and **Laura Charvat Weidenthal**, a son, Samuel Charvat Weidenthal, Oct. 7, 2004

'91 To **Jenn Shaw** and Chuck **Porcari**, a daughter, Conna Mary Elizabeth, Dec. 23, 2004

'86 to David and **Sherry Galloway Headen**, a son, David Jerome Headen Jr., Aug. 5, 2004

Obituaries

x'07 David J. Kozak, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Feb. 10, 2005. Friends recalled David's infectious humor. He played in a rock band in high school. David's father died pre-

viously; his mother, Sharon Kozak, a sister and a brother, and his grandparents survive. The family asks that friends "do a kind deed in David's name."

x'73 Ellen Shultz Clough, Wooster, Dec. 2, 2004. She earned an M.Ed. at Ashland U. Ellen taught at Ida Sue School in Wooster and was head cook at Camp Bethany for many years. She belonged to Smithville Brethren Church. Her husband of 31 years, Robert Clough, three sons, a brother, and a sister survive.

x'73 Thomas Landgraf, Mentor, Ohio, Oct. 7, 2003. Thomas played on the Fighting Scots football team and married Barbara Zubek in 1971. His wife, two daughters, two grandchildren, and four siblings survive.

'71 **Pamela Pender Brownlee**, Chardon, Ohio, Nov. 19, 2004, in an auto accident. Pamela was active in Wooster's Student Government Association, served on the Women's Affairs Board, sang in concert choir her freshman year, and belonged to EKO. She majored in English. For 12 years following graduation, she chaired the English department at the Andrews School in Cleveland. She established a Learning Center in cooperation with Case Western Reserve U and directed the Jennings Writing Project, a statewide teacher-training program.

Pam completed an M.A. and Ph.D. in English literature at Case Western. In 1985 she joined the Cleveland Institute of Art as an associate professor of literature and humanities. She was selected for the Kellogg National Fellowship Program to study children living in areas of conflict around the world. Pam was also director of Project Pathways, a pilot effort of the Cleveland Public Schools, Cuyahoga Community College, and the Cleveland Institute of Art.

Pam belonged to the Federated Church in Chagrin Falls and sang in the choir there. Her husband of 31 years, Robert C. Brownlee Jr., a son, daughter, and a sister survive.

'70 **Philip B. Graham**, White River Junction, VT, Nov. 9, 2004.

Phil majored in Greek and Latin and was a sports editor for *The Voice*. In 1980 he earned a master's in teaching English as a second language from the School for International Training in Brattleboro, VT. He taught at the Kimberton (PA) Waldorf School and St. Joseph's U in Philadelphia, and elsewhere in the U.S., as well as in Greece and Japan. He belonged to the Christian Community Church in Philadelphia and enjoyed playing the piano and the lyre. Phil married Frederica Hermansen in 1974. She survives, along with a daughter and two sons.

'64 **Susan Brunk Spierling**, New Windsor, NY, Oct. 24, 2004, after living valiantly for four years with ovarian cancer. A religion major, Susan belonged to Peanuts and participated in several women's athletic clubs at Wooster. She married Richard "Deke" Spierling '64 in 1966 and earned an M.S. in education at Southern Connecticut State U. Susan taught elementary school in Willimantic and North Braford, CT, and in Leonia, NJ, for many years. She volunteered for the American Friends Service Committee, the Interreligious Fellowship for the Homeless of Bergen County, and Habitat for Humanity. Her husband, two daughters, including Rachel Spierling Stone x'95, an infant grandson, her mother, Margaret Brunk, and five siblings survive.

x'63 Julia H. Brown Diehl, Richmond, VA, Nov. 11, 2004, of lung cancer. Julia left the College after her first year and earned a B.S. from the Richmond (VA) Professional Institute. She taught fifth grade in Richmond. An active member of her Presbyterian church, Julia served as a consultant for developing a volunteer ministries program. She was also a board member at Covenant Woods, a continuing care community. Her husband, Edward Diehl, a son, and a daughter survive.

'60 **Margaret "Peggy" Byers Fanselow**, Altadena, CA, Dec. 2, 2004, after a year's battle with cancer. An art major, Peggy was a member of EKO, Women's Self-Government, and the Student Christian

Association. She obtained certification as an art teacher. In 1961 she married Jack Fanselow '60. Peggy taught art in several elementary schools in the Chicago suburbs while Jack pursued his Ph.D.

They moved to Altadena in 1968, where Peggy raised a family and was an active volunteer in church, school, and community activities. After her children were grown, she worked as an English as a second language aide in a local school. Peggy then earned an elementary teaching certificate and taught first grade until retiring in June 2004 due to ill health.

Peggy loved gardening, children, family events, being creative, meeting challenges, giving surprises, and, in the words of her son, "never taking life too seriously, except for relationships and celebrations." She and Jack enjoyed traveling together, particularly on long road trips with unscheduled stops at new places.

Peggy faced her death with the same positive, peaceful attitude with which she had faced life. Family and friends felt that being with her in her last months was both an education and a gift.

In addition to her husband, survivors include son John '87 and his wife, Kathleen Smythe '88; son Bill and his wife; three grandchildren; two sisters, Louise Byers Plusquellec '57 and Mary "Bunnie" Byers Walker '65; and brothers-in-law Ken Plusquellec '57 (dean of students, emeritus) and G. Earl Walker '64.

—Louise Byers Plusquellec '57

'60 **James Steele**, Cliffside Park, NJ, July 13, 2004. A history major, Jim graduated Phi Beta Kappa. He was a member of Second Section, Student Christian Association, concert choir, the Men's Glee Club, Westminster choir, and Congressional Club and appeared in several plays. He earned an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1963 and taught speech there.

In 1965 Jim married Marcena Mead '63, whom he met at seminary. Jim served Presbyterian churches in Shrewsbury, NJ, and Bloomington, IN, before assuming the post of senior pastor at First

Presbyterian Church in Englewood, NJ, in 1984. He retired from that position in 2003. Marcena, a daughter, and a son survive.

'58 Lee D. Dawley, South Ryegate, VT, Nov. 2, 2004, of pneumonia, after living with multiple sclerosis for many years. At Wooster, Lee participated in Glee Club, choir, Section Eight, and the German and French honorary societies. He majored in German at Wooster and earned a master's in German literature at Cornell U. Lee served in the U.S. Army from 1960-62. He also reported the news for *The Times-Argus*, taught high school, and worked as a highway deputy, social worker, vocational rehabilitation counselor, and paralegal.

Lee was an elder of South Ryegate Presbyterian Church. He expressed great interest in politics, advocated for the elderly and disabled, and was a prolific correspondent. He published an article in *Wooster* (Fall 1992) on living with MS. Lee's wife of over 40 years, Joan Brunelle Dawley, two daughters, a son, a stepson, a brother, and four grandchildren survive.

'56 Donna Harbison Douglass, Lynchburg, VA, Feb. 1, 2004. Donna majored in music education and sang in Women's Chorus at Wooster. She also studied at Montclair (NJ) State, Central Virginia Community, and Lynchburg Colleges. At various times, she taught elementary school music, maintained a piano studio, and was a travel counselor at the Lynchburg Visitor Center. Donna served as state chair and then president of the Virginia Music Teachers Association. She also was state chair of the Music Teachers National Association Baldwin Junior Keyboard Achievement Award. Donna sang in the choir at First Presbyterian Church and taught in the church nursery school. She pursued genealogy in retirement. Her husband of 47 years, James P. Douglass '54, two sons, a daughter, and two brothers survive.

'55 Elizabeth "Betsy" Sands Kocher, Thousand Oaks, CA, Nov. 25, 2004, after a long battle with



cancer. A French major, she sang in Women's Chorus and the concert and Westminster choirs and worked part-time in the College admissions office. Betsy moved to Chicago and worked for five years for Rotary International in Evanston. In 1958 she married Robert L. Kocher. They moved to California in 1969.

Betsy began working at the Health Service of California Lutheran U in 1974. After several years, she transferred to the office of student financial planning and eventually became the director. In May 2004 Betsy was honored for 30 years of service to the university.

Two sons, a daughter, and five grandchildren survive, in addition to Betsy's mother, Harriet Steiner Sands '31, and a sister. Betsy's husband, Robert, passed away Dec. 18, 2004, as the result of a stroke; her father died previously.

'54 Bruce B. Withers, Lenoir, NC, Oct. 19, 2004. A member of Fourth Section and the Scot Band, Bruce majored in psychology. He attended McCormick Theological Seminary. In 1953 Bruce married Janet Bolgard x'55. He spent his career as an award-winning food service director and chef. He was a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International. Bruce enjoyed bonsai gardening and sang with barbershop groups, the Caldwell Men's Chorus, and the Singing Buckeyes. He volunteered with hospice and was a Presbyterian elder and deacon. Surviving are his wife, four daughters, including Joan Withers Priest '84 and Lynn

Withers Cameron '78, nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and a brother, Dale '57.

x'52 George A. Donaldson, Orange, CA, Oct. 14, 2004. George attended the College for one year before earning a degree in aeronautical engineering from St. Louis U. He served for two years with the U.S. Air Force in Korea and Japan. George was a retired aerospace design engineer who worked with dome systems. His wife of 46 years, Marie, survives, in addition to two daughters, two sons, seven grandchildren, and a sister.

'51 George Herbert Glade III, Cardington, Ohio, Nov. 9, 2004, of complications from Parkinson's disease and cancer. George was a chemistry major and a member of Ninth Section. He served in the U.S. Army from 1946-47 and married C. Jamieson Toensmeier x'51 in 1949. George worked in spectroscopies for the Ohio State Agricultural Station, International Mineral and Chemical Co., Westinghouse, and IBM. The family lived in Vermont for many years before returning to Ohio. An avid model railroader, George loved steam locomotives, sailboats, and history. He was active in his church. His family describes George as an "honest" man with "a dry sense of humor" who "demanded a lot of himself." His wife, a son, three daughters, five grandchildren, and a brother, David '52, survive.

'51 Chalmers Martin II, Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 10, 2004, of cancer. A member of Ninth Section and Scot Band, Chalmers majored in psychology. He attended Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. In 1953 he married Nancy Martin '53. He was a disability claims examiner for the State of Ohio and then worked for the City of Columbus until he retired in 1992. Throughout his life, he was an active church member. Chalmers enjoyed spending time with his family, camping, hiking, canoeing, fixing things, and home remodeling. He is survived by his wife, brother, two sons, two daughters, and six grandchildren.

x'49 James R. Christman, Pittsford, NY, Oct. 30, 2004. During his two years at Wooster, Jim belonged to Sixth Section and majored in economics. In 1947 he married Marilyn Wood x'49. He completed degrees in business administration (1950) and industrial engineering (1951) at Ohio U. For three years, James served in the U.S. Air Force.

He worked in the heat transfer field, presiding over Graham Manufacturing in Ontario, Canada, and working at plants in Pennsylvania and California. Jim belonged to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and was committee chair of the National Heat Transfer Research Institute. He was an avid golfer and fisherman and an expert in woodworking. His wife, daughter, and two grandchildren survive.

'49 Elizabeth Donley Desenberg, Rochester, NY, Sept. 23, 2004. Liz (known as "Betsy" at Wooster) belonged to Trumps. She married Ned Desenberg, a childhood friend, in 1950. They moved first to Plainfield, IN, then, in 1953, to Branford, CT, and finally to Rochester in 1971. According to her family, Liz was "a kind and loving wife, mother, and friend." Her husband, three sons, two daughters, and nine grandchildren survive.

x'49 Annina Mascio Harper, Brecksville, Ohio, Jan. 23, 2004. Annina spent a little over three years at Wooster. In 1950 she married

Keith Harper, D.C. She graduated from the Palmer School of Chiropractic that year and from Great Lakes College in 1954. She and Keith eventually went into practice together. Annina was named a distinguished fellow of both the American College of Chiropractors and the International Chiropractic Association. Keith died previously; three sons and three grandchildren survive.

'49 Marjorie Muse Ostrander, Mansfield, Ohio, Aug. 28, 2004, of pulmonary fibrosis. With a degree in English, she began teaching at Bucyrus (Ohio) High School and later taught at other area schools. In 1953 Marjorie wed Owen Ostrander. They lived in Mansfield for 10 years and then relocated to Bloomfield Hills, MI. Marjorie completed several graduate courses in library science at Wayne State U before accepting a position as the head media specialist at the Academy of the Sacred Heart. She retired in 1997, and she and Owen moved back to Mansfield. Marjorie was active in First Presbyterian Church of Mansfield. Her husband, a daughter, two grandsons, and two siblings survive. A brother died previously.

x'48 Jeanne Ferver Krynicki, Natrona Heights, PA, Sept. 17, 2004. At Wooster Jeanne belonged to EKO and sang in the choir. She transferred to Robert Morris Business School in Pittsburgh and also attended Penn State U-New Kensington. Jeanne married Eugene Krynicki in 1948, and they soon joined her father in his business, Ferver-Krynicki Funeral Home, now the Krynicki Funeral Home. Jeanne belonged to the First United Presbyterian Church of Tarentum, PA, Church Woman's Club of Allegheny Valley, and Church Women United. Her husband died previously. Two sons, four daughters, 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and a sister survive.

'47 Harry R. Mustin, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, Jan. 31, 2003. He was a spectrographic chemist at Aluminum and Magnesium Company of Sandusky, Ohio, before moving back to Cleveland Heights in 1950. He worked for Thompson

Aircraft as a metallurgist until 1966. Harry then went into real estate sales, which he really enjoyed until 1992, when the walking became too much for him. He was very active at The Church of the Master and was also their treasurer. His wife of 54 years, Genevieve Budde Mustin '46, a son, three daughters, and five grandchildren survive.

'47 Robert D. Ronsheim, Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 14, 2004. Bob entered the U.S. Navy and attended Baldwin-Wallace College for one year. He spent 1946 in the Pacific and then returned to Wooster to complete a degree in history. He belonged to the Congressional Club and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. Bob had fond memories of after-dinner "concerts" (of 78 r.p.m. records) by candlelight in Douglass Hall. He later graduated from Harvard Business School.

He married Patricia Burneson '47 in 1949 and taught American history at Wooster (1949-51), Indiana U (1955-56), and Northeastern U. Bob was a historian for the National Park Service and outdoor museums such as Plimoth Plantation and Conner Prairie, owned by Earlham College. He worked for a time in the John F. Kennedy Library and served as a museum specialist for the U.S. Army. Bob belonged to Boulevard Presbyterian Church (Grandview Heights, Ohio) and advocated for truth and justice issues. Surviving are his wife, a son, two daughters, including Ellice x'73, four grandchildren, and three siblings, Mary Ronsheim Ford '53, Milton M. '43, and Samuel B. '45.

'46 Gertrude Martin Foster, Denton, TX, Oct. 22, 2003. Trudy was born in Pakistan, where her father, a Presbyterian missionary, founded the Taxila Christian Hospital. She majored in math at Wooster and belonged to Trumps and the Math Club. Trudy worked for the Lewis Flight Propulsion Lab in Cleveland as a mathematical analyst. In 1947 she married Bruce Foster; they later moved to New Haven, CT. In 1953 the family relocated to Texas.

The Fosters then lived in Paki-

stan for three years (1960-63). Seeing the mistreatment of the Christian minority there inspired Trudy to activism. Back in Texas, she advocated for racial integration with the Women's Interracial Fellowship and other community groups. Trudy played a pivotal role in the founding of the Denton Christian Preschool for disadvantaged children and volunteered there for 30 years as director, kitchen helper, and bus assistant. An elder and treasurer of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Trudy became a real estate broker once her children had grown. Bruce, two sons, a daughter, and five grandchildren survive.

'46 Mary "Betsy" McMillan Remsburg, Durham, NC, formerly of Ada, Ohio, Sept. 16, 2004. A member of the band and *The Voice* staff, Betsy majored in biology and physical education. In 1950 she married Harold Remsburg, who shared her love for gardening, travel, and golf. For 35 years she taught in Ohio schools; teaching was her passion. She belonged to St. Mark Lutheran Church, Twice Ten Arts Club, and AAUW. Betsy founded a scholarship at the College in honor of her brother, Robert McMillan '47. Harold died in 1995; a son also died previously. In addition to Robert, another brother and a daughter survive.

'42 Roger F. McCann, Athens, AL, Aug. 1, 2003. Roger majored in chemistry and worked in several laboratories around the country. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII.

'42 Bertha Spooner Willsie, Stow, NY, Aug. 28, 2004. A French major, Bertha belonged to the French and Latin Clubs and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. In 1947 she graduated from Cornell U with a master's in French. She later took graduate classes in Spanish at Western Reserve U, the U of Havana, the State U of Buffalo, and St. Bonaventure U.

Bertha taught English, Latin, and Spanish in schools around Chautauqua County. From 1964 until she retired in 1976, she headed the foreign language department at Jamestown High School. Bertha also taught summer classes at Chautau-

qua Institution, led Spanish conversation groups at the Chautauqua Women's Club, and did private tutoring. She belonged to many groups and organizations, such as the American Organists Guild and the New York State Retired Teacher's Association, of which she was a life member. She also served on the Chautauqua Board of Education.

Bertha was a 50-year member of Hurlburt Memorial Community Church in Chautauqua and taught Sunday school. She was a charter member of the Elizabeth Warner Marvin House in Jamestown and served on the board. Her family says that Bertha focused her life on "an abiding sense of doing right by others." Her husband, Robert Willsie '42, whom she married in 1951, died previously, as did her sister, Bonita Spooner Nearpass '42. A daughter, Anita Willsie Kerr '77, and two granddaughters survive.

x'41 Russell E. Julian, Brown Deer, WI, Mar. 13, 2004. Russ attended Wooster for a year before entering the military in Aug. 1942. He married Jeanne Wiener in 1941, and they had two sons. In 1963 Russ graduated from the U of Omaha with a B.A. After 28 years of military service, he retired as a colonel in 1970. He and his family settled in Milwaukee, and Russ began a new career with regional health planning. In 1975 he was promoted to executive director of the agency. A son died previously; Russ's wife, a son, two grandchildren, and a sister survive.

'41 Eunice "Dill" Kass Pope, Evanston, IL, Oct. 24, 2003. Dill majored in sociology and participated in Women's Athletic Association and Imps. She married George Pope '41 in 1943, and they lived in Shrewsbury, NJ, before moving to her native Chicago. Dill enjoyed golf and needlepoint and keeping up with classmates, especially through a round-robin letter that lasted into the 1990s, at least. Her husband, two daughters, and a son survive.

x'41 Jayne Mogford Tollison, Venice, FL, Mar. 18, 2003. Jayne earned a B.S. and a B.S.L.S. from Carnegie Institute. She married Roy

In Memory: John M. Tiedtke, Former Trustee

Former College Trustee **John Tiedtke** died on December 21, 2004, in Winter Park, Florida. His wife, Sylvia, had died a few weeks earlier, on December 5. Their children, Philip and Marie Christine, survive. At its March meeting, the Board of Trustees of The College of Wooster issued the following Resolution in Memory.

John M. Tiedtke was born on September 15, 1907, in Toledo, Ohio, where his family operated a supermarket and department store. He earned both his bachelor's degree and master's degree in business from Dartmouth College. He moved to central Florida in the early 1930s to look after his family's investments and purchased land near Lake Okeechobee for investing in sugar cane, citrus, and corn. Atlas Sugar, Shawnee Cattle, land companies, and development companies were among his eventual holdings. On October 30, 1948, Mr. Tiedtke married Sylvia Southard, the daughter of an Austrian heiress and stepdaughter of an Austrian prince.

Mr. Tiedtke joined Wooster's Board in 1940 and served as an Active Trustee until 1980. During his forty years on the Board, he worked with four of the College's presidents: Charles Wishart, Howard Lowry, J. Garber Drushal, and Henry Copeland. He was a regular member of the Finance Committee and also served on the Buildings and Grounds and Financial Development (later Development) Committees.

John Tiedtke had a long involvement with Rollins College, beginning with his teaching of photography there in the 1930s. He later became Vice President and Treasurer and, upon his resignation in 1969, Chairman of the Board. Rollins College presented him with an honorary doctorate in 1975.

Mr. Tiedtke's community and professional activities included service as director of the Orlando Federal Savings & Loan, chairman of the Sugar Committee of the Florida Farm Bureau, member and secretary of the Governor's Sugar Committee, and director of the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Committee.

John was a philanthropist who was passionate about the arts and an active patron of several arts organizations in central Florida. He was deeply committed to the valuable role of classical music in shaping a civilized society, and he demonstrated his commitment publicly beginning in 1949, when he revitalized the Winter Park Symphony, the predecessor to the Florida Symphony Orchestra. Other beneficiaries of his support and leadership included the Bach Festival, the Festival of Orchestras, the Orlando Museum of Art, and the United Arts of Central Florida. In 1973 Mr. Tiedtke was among the first Floridians to earn a Governor's Award for the Arts. In 1985 he and his daughter founded Enzian Theater, a nonprofit cultural arts cinema. Named for a flower from his wife's native Austria, the Enzian hosts a number of film festivals, including the popular Florida Film Festival each spring.

Although Mr. Tiedtke did not seek public recognition for his contributions, Rollins College will honor him by naming a new 400-seat music recital hall in his memory. The United Arts of Central Florida recently named its most prestigious philanthropic award in his honor.

For John Tiedtke's sustained leadership in business, education, and the community, his generous philanthropic support of higher education and the arts, and his four decades of dedicated service to the College, the Board of Trustees records its abiding gratitude.

—Anne Gates
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Van Gundy in 1941; they later divorced. She began her career with the U.S. Air Force and Veterans Administration libraries. In 1981 Jayne retired after 22 years with the Miami-Dade Public Library System. In 1983 she married Lon Tollison. The two moved to Venice and volunteered for Meals on Wheels and the local public library. Lon died in 1998. Jayne's brother survives.

x'41 Mary "Jeanne" Weimer Ziemke, Toledo, Ohio, Nov. 3, 2004. Jeanne graduated from Flora Stone Mather College of what is now Case Western Reserve U and attended Columbia U. She taught at Wooster High School and Ottawa Hills Junior High School. In 1946 she married Donald Ziemke x'41. Mary was a skilled bridge player, fabulous cook, and world traveler. She belonged to the DAR and was a 56-year member of Hope Lutheran Church. Her husband, daughter, two sons, six grandchildren, two great-granddaughters, and sisters Beth Weimer Flack x'41 and Traci Weimer Bresson x'32 survive.

'39 William M. Alrich, Coatesville, PA, Oct. 26, 2004, of a heart attack. Shortly after graduation, he served as Wooster's representative on the teaching staff of Ewing Christian College in Allahabad, India, and taught for three years at Woodstock School in India. In 1949 he married Shirley Charlton. An editor of *The Voice* at Wooster, Bill was the editor of the *Commonwealth Review*, associate editor of *Presbyterian Life*, and the editor of an export trade magazine and an insurance magazine. He retired as a news officer at the U of Pennsylvania and editor of *Wharton Quarterly*, a publication of the U of Penn.

Active in the Conestoga Community Concert Association, Bill was an elder and leader of the high school program at Wayne Presbyterian Church. He served on the executive committee of The Society of Business Magazine Editors and the board of Main Line School Night. Of Dutch ancestry, Bill was the past president of the Netherlands Society of Philadelphia and on the board of the Holland Society of New York. He served as Wooster

class secretary and class agent in the 1950s. His wife, daughter Susan Alrich Stair '76, two sons, and six grandchildren survive.

x'39 Esther Sooy Brown, Wellington, Ohio, July 1, 2004. Esther attended the College for two years, majoring in English and participating in Sphinx. In 1942 she

married George Brown. Esther enjoyed decorating, horseback riding, and sewing. She also loved to travel. Her husband died in 1988; two daughters and a son survive.

'39 Alice Booth Burr, Richmond, VA, Sept. 19, 2004. Born of missionary parents, Alice lived in China until age 15, when she came to the U.S. She majored in chemistry at the College, sang in the choir, swam, and played field hockey. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa. In 1941 Alice married Edward Burr and earned a license as a medical technologist from Minneapolis General Hospital. She worked as medical technician in Ohio and Indiana. Her husband died in 1979, and Alice moved to Virginia four years later. She belonged to Bon Air Christian Church. Two sons, a daughter, three grandchildren, and a sister, Phyllis Booth Eanes '36, survive.

x'39 Elizabeth Wilson Rieman, Fort Myers, FL, June 1, 2004. After attending Wooster for two years, Elizabeth transferred to the Mt. Sinai School of Nursing and earned a degree there. She directed the Salk Polio Vaccine Program in Michigan, after she and her daughters recovered from polio. Elizabeth was nominated for Woman of the Year in 1987, chaired the teenage volunteers of the Florida Hospital Auxiliaries, and directed the state youth conference. She was a deacon, trustee, and moderator of Pilgrim Congregational Church of Birmingham. Elizabeth moved to Florida in retirement. She was married to Howard Rieman for 50 years; he died previously. Two daughters, a son, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren survive.

'39 Stanley T. Vandersall, Lincoln, NE, Nov. 6, 2004. A member of Eighth Section and the Classics Club, Stan majored in Greek and Latin, played bass drum in the Scot Band and bass in the orchestra, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. He earned a master's and a Ph.D. from Ohio State U. WWII interrupted his graduate studies, and the U.S. Navy tapped Stan to learn Japanese and interpret Japanese intelligence.

After finishing a Ph.D., Stan taught in the classics department at the U of Nebraska for almost 37 years. In 1984 he was honored with the university's distinguished teaching award; he also served as department chair. After retiring in 1985, Stan taught Latin in his home. He belonged to First Presbyterian Church and the Lincoln Rails Club.

In 1940 Stan married Amy Wright '39, who died in Feb. 2004. A brother, Harold '45, also died previously. Three daughters, including Diana Vandersall Rippel '66, five grandchildren, a great-grandchild, and a sister, Elizabeth Vandersall Hanks '43, survive.

'38 Martha Weimer Bain, Bloomington, IN, Nov. 29, 2004. Martha majored in history and English at the College and earned an M.A. from Ohio State U. In 1955 she married William Barton Bain. Martha taught English in Mansfield, Ohio, prior to moving to Bloomington with William. She worked at the registrar's office at Indiana U, then resumed teaching at a middle school. Martha retired in 1984.

She belonged to First Presbyterian Church, Delta Kappa Gamma, and Monroe County Retired Teacher's Association. She loved to garden and bake. The couple lived in Florida for several years in retirement. Her husband survived his wife by only a few months; he died in Mar. 2005.

'38 Lloyd P. Hunter, Pittsford, NY, Oct. 23, 2004, after a lingering illness. His father taught physics at the College (1911-18). Through a special program, he attended M.I.T. in his senior year and earned a bachelor's degree from both M.I.T. and the College. At Wooster he majored in physics and was named Phi Beta Kappa. Lloyd earned a D.Sc. from Carnegie Technical Institute while working at Westinghouse Electric in Pittsburgh, PA.

In 1951 he was employed as a physicist at the IBM lab in Poughkeepsie, NY. He later became the director of research, in charge of transistor and semiconductor engineering. Lloyd held numerous patents, edited the *Handbook of Semiconductor Electronics* (McGraw-

Hill, 1956, 1962, 1970) and published several articles in professional journals. He was named a fellow of the American Physical Society and in 1962 became a professor of electrical engineering at the U of Rochester, retiring in 1981 as professor emeritus.

In retirement Lloyd continued as an active sailplane enthusiast, competing in national and regional soaring meets until age 75. A former elder at Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church, he was a counselor in the Cephas Attica Prison program and visited inmates weekly, until Alzheimer's disease prompted his retirement. Lloyd married Esther Kinch in 1943. She survives, along with a daughter, four sons, including Philip S. '72, and 10 grandchildren.

x'38 Theodore Sadler, Westlake, Ohio, Aug. 12, 2004. After several semesters at Wooster, Theodore earned a bachelor's from Ohio U (1938). He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. In 1943 Theodore married Mildred "Midge" Lorentzen. He retired from Epic Chemicals in 1986. His wife, a daughter, a son, and a grandson survive.

'38 Ellen Scoular Thorne, Santa Rosa, CA, Nov. 7, 2004. She taught school in Guernsey, WY, where she met Don L. Thorne. They married in 1944 and moved to Santa Rosa two years later. Ellen took classes at several other colleges. She served as the treasurer of the YMCA Women's Auxiliary, enjoyed substitute teaching, and participated in First Presbyterian Church. In retirement, she and Don attended several Elderhostels. Ellen also studied French and enjoyed her hiking group. Don, a son, a daughter, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren survive.

'37 Esther F. Swift, East Palestine, Ohio, Dec. 3, 2004. In 1952 Esther earned a master's in mathematics and education at Ohio State U. She taught at Irondale (1937-58) and Poland High Schools, both in Ohio, before retiring in 1975. She then moved from her native Wellsville, Ohio, to East Palestine.

Esther belonged to a craft group, book club, and literary society. She drove for Meals on Wheels and F.I.S.H. (Friends in Sending Help). She played the organ at Centenary United Methodist Church and previously served as the organist for other local churches. Esther was an avid gardener, Wooster class secretary in the 1950s, and attended many alumni events. A brother died previously.

'37 Roger H. Van Bolt, Flint, MI, Dec. 4, 2004, after a brief bout with lung cancer. Roger played Scot football his freshman year and belonged to Sixth Section. He majored in economics and earned a master's from Ohio State U (1946) and a Ph.D. from the U of Chicago (1950), both in history. Roger married Martha "Mollie" Tilock '37 in 1941. The couple was very involved in alumni and College activities, including funding campaigns, and received the John D. McKee Volunteer Award in 1987. They most recently served as class co-secretaries.

Roger was the first director of Flint's Sloan Museum, beginning in 1956. During the planning of the museum, he chaired the social science department at Flint Junior College (now Mott Community College). Roger directed the museum until his retirement in 1978. In 1967 he urged the Vintage Car Club to hold its first Old Car Festival, now an annual event in Flint.

Prior to moving to Flint, Roger headed the research and information department at the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn, MI. He served two terms as president of the Historical Society of Michigan and held life memberships in national and local historical societies. Roger was an elder at First Presbyterian Church and had served on the presbytery's national mission committee. A certified master gardener, he was also active in Rotary International.

His wife, son John '68, daughter Margaret '71, and two grandsons survive. Memorial contributions may be made to Wooster's Class of 1937 Scholarship Fund.

'36 Ila M. Smith Weiford, Canton, Ohio, Sept. 26, 2004. Ila

majored in music and earned a primary education certificate from Kent State U. In 1946 she married Winford Weiford. Ila taught kindergarten in the Canton City Schools and was honored as the 1970 Jennings Scholar for Excellence in Education. She retired in 1978, after 35 years of teaching, the last 17 at Worley Elementary School. A member of Christ Presbyterian Church, the Stark County and Ohio State Retired Teachers Associations, and the College Club, she loved to travel. Her husband and son died previously; two daughters, two grandsons, and a step-grandson survive, as do brothers Clarence Smith '38 and Edward Smith x'41.

x'35 Janet Elizabeth Allured Frazier, Athens, GA, July 9, 2002. After graduating from Olivet College with a major in music education and minor in art education, Janet taught elementary music and kindergarten art. During WWII, she studied occupational therapy at the U of Illinois and worked as an occupational therapist at Percy Jones Army Hospital in Battle Creek, MI. She met and married Thomas L. Frazier, one of her patients. Janet's hobbies included choir, antiques, gardening, and volunteering for the Athens Council on Aging. She held a life membership in the Presbyterian women's group. Her husband and a son survive.

x'35 Clyde Gibson, Ontario, Canada, July 2002. Clyde worked as a sales representative for Chubb Security Safes. In 1939 he married Bertha M. Burrows; they moved to Ontario 10 years later. The couple had four children. Clyde retired in 1976 and served as the treasurer of First United Church. He had co-owned and managed Woodside Beach, a summer cottage establishment on Manitoulin Island in northern Ontario.

x'35 Francis H. Miller, Mentor, Ohio, April 11, 2001. Francis participated on the Debate Team, in choir, and in Fourth Section at Wooster. He graduated from Adelbert College of Western Reserve U with a degree in political science and earned an

M.Div. from San Francisco Theological Seminary. Francis served overseas as an Army engineer during WWII and married June Bennett in 1946; they had a son and a daughter. He worked as an inspection engineer and an approvals engineer for the American Gas Association. Francis chaired the board at Erieside Church, volunteered for the Boys' Club, and enjoyed playing piano and gardening. Siblings Hugh '32, Alberta '29, and Eve Miller Ryall '25 died previously. His wife and children survive.

'34 M. Virginia "Ginny" Gruber Smith, Youngstown, Ohio, May 8, 2004. A Latin and English major, Ginny was also a member of *The Voice* staff, Classics Club, and Pembroke Literary Society. In 1938 she married Paul Smith '34. The couple lived in Colorado before settling in the Youngstown area. They worked fervently to keep the connections among their Wooster classmates strong, planning and attending many reunions. A son, daughter Gretchen Smith Reinsma '63, and grandchildren survive. Her brother, C. Paul Gruber, sister Jane Gruber Alexander, and husband died previously.

'34 Marian Starr, Cranberry Township, PA, Nov. 21, 2004. Marian majored in French and earned honors. In 1937 she earned an M.Ed. from Western Reserve U. She had a long teaching career in the Beaver Falls (PA) School District. Marian was active in various local clubs, a member of the public library board, and a volunteer with Meals on Wheels. She loved to travel and cherished her lifetime College friendships.

x'33 Ralph J. Martin, Akron, Ohio, Oct. 3, 2003. Ralph lived in the second section of Douglass Hall during his freshman year. He then attended Washington and Jefferson U and graduated from Ohio State U in 1935. He worked at Goodyear for 35 years and built three houses on Tappan Lake in his retirement. Ralph belonged to Christ United Methodist Church for over 50 years. His wife of 68 years, Irma, a son, and two grandchildren survive.

'33 J. Robert Pfouts, Naples, FL, formerly of Lima, Ohio, June 27, 2004. Bob came to Wooster from Canton. In college he was active with the YMCA, Christian Endeavor, and intramural sports. Bob majored in chemistry and worked as a metallurgist at United Engineering and Foundry in Canton. In 1937 he married Mary R. Patrick.

Beginning in 1950, Bob was the director of quality control for Tele-dyne Inc. in Lima, retiring in 1976. The couple moved to Florida and enjoyed traveling, especially with Elderhostel. Bob kept in close contact with several Wooster friends, and he and Mary attended many reunions and Alumni College. He belonged to First United Methodist Church in Naples and had belonged to Methodist churches and community groups in Canton and Lima. His wife, a daughter, two sons, including Robert '76, two grandsons, and two great-grandchildren survive. A brother, Sam '38, died previously.

'32 Roberta Gibson Woodall, Sebring, Ohio, Sept. 29, 2004, of Alzheimer's disease. At Wooster she belonged to the YWCA and Sphinx, sang in the choir, and majored in French. She took additional coursework at Youngstown State U and taught language arts in the Leetonia Exempted Village Schools and later in Lisbon, Ohio. Roberta married William L. Woodall '32 in 1935.

An ordained elder, she was an active Presbyterian in churches in Youngstown, Girard, Vienna, Leetonia, and Sebring. She also was a charter member of the Leetonia Parks and Recreation Board and the former Leetonia Artisan Festival Committee. Her husband and a son predeceased her. A daughter, two sons, including John G. '62, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren survive.

'31 Evelyn Nigh Mann, Perrysville, Ohio, Nov. 8, 2004. Evelyn sang in chapel choir and the Women's Glee Club. She also studied at Ashland U and Ohio U. For many years, Evelyn taught high school English in the Loudonville-Perrysville Schools. A lifelong member of Perrysville Baptist Church, she directed the

choir there for 50 years.

Her husband, Clayton, preceded her in death. A son, two daughters, eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, 11 step-great-grandchildren, and one step-great-great-grandchild survive.

'31 Sara Craig Moore, Sandusky, Ohio, formerly of Wooster, Nov. 24, 2004. Sara participated in YWCA, Sphinx, Pembroke Literary Society, and Women's Self-Government and sang in Women's Chorus. She majored in English and Latin. Sara married Robert Moore in 1942; he died in 1970.

Sara taught in Sebring, Ohio, for five years and then taught English in Egypt for the next three years. Upon her return to the U.S., she worked for two years in the Rocky River schools. She received the John Hay Fellowship to further her education and later, through the Jennings Foundation, won a grant to travel in England. Sara studied at Case Western Reserve U, Ohio State U, Kent State U, and Bennington College.

She lived in Wooster for 53 years, teaching at Wooster High School for 16 years and belonging to the Book, Classics, and Thursday Clubs and Westminster Presbyterian Church. After moving to Sandusky in 1997, she joined St. Paul Lutheran Church. Two sons, a daughter, and eight grandchildren survive.

x'31 Grace Steiner Roby, Mansfield, Ohio, Dec. 25, 2000. Grace attended Wooster for one year. In 1940 she married Joe Roby x'35, who survives.

Editor's Corner

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Summer: Non-reunion, May 13; Reunion classes, June 20 Fall: Aug. 18

'31 Eunice Allen Smith

Williamsfield, Ohio, Oct. 18, 2004. A Latin major, Eunice sang in the Women's Glee Club and worked on the *Index* staff. She studied library science at Kent State U and Western Reserve U. In 1939 she married Fred Smith, who died in 1990.

For 27 years Eunice worked as a high school librarian in Andover and Warren, Ohio. She was the secretary for her Wooster class in the 1950s and belonged to national, state, and local professional groups. Eunice was the oldest living member of the First Congregational Church of Wayne, Ohio, and directed the choir there for 11 years. She enjoyed cooking and traveling, loved music, and was an avid Cleveland Indians fan. A granddaughter and two great-grandchildren survive. In addition to her husband, a son and a grandson died previously.

'29 Gertrude Hostetler

Schneider Evans, Ft. Meyers, FL, Nov. 2, 2004. Born in Sugarcreek, Ohio, Gertrude married Charles Schneider in 1931. He died in 1983. In 1987 she married Maurice Evans, who died in 1994. Gertrude taught elementary school for many years and belonged to Trinity Community Church. During the summer, she resided with her daughter in New Castle, FL. She loved spending time with her family. Her son, daughter, stepdaughter, nine grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren survive. Her siblings and a great-grandson died previously.

Family History



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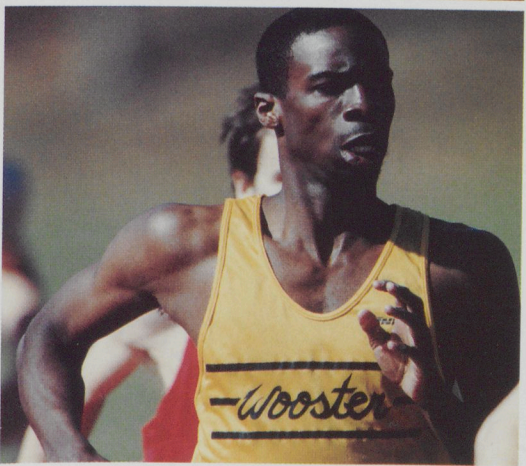
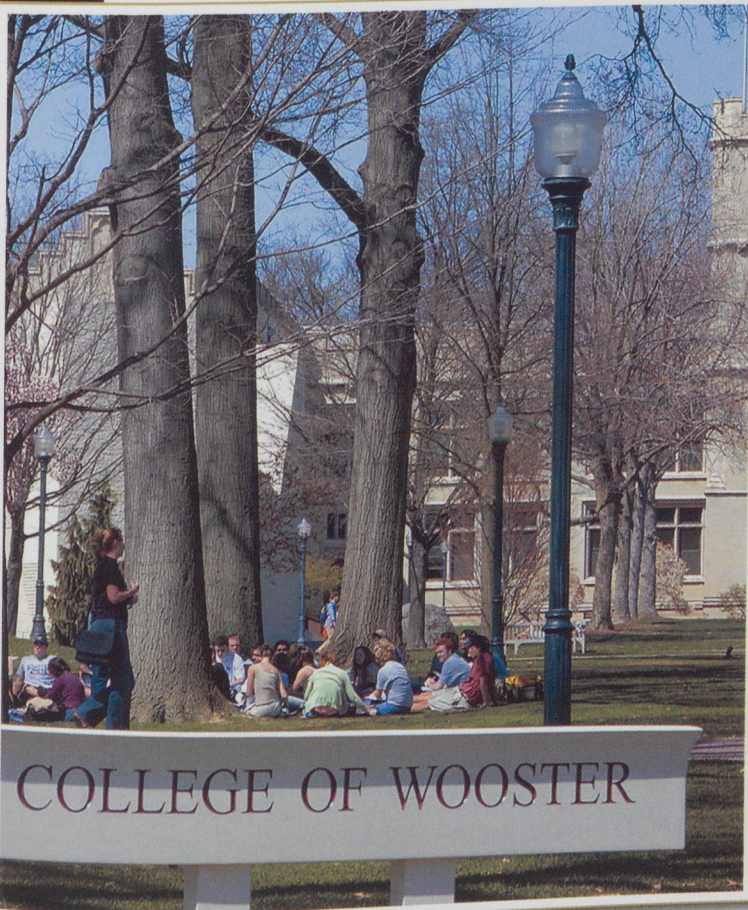
Darlene, left, and Charlene Kemp in action, circa 1982

The flying Kemps

TWINS DARLENE KEMP Ratliff and Charlene Kemp-Queener, '83s, still laugh about how their Wooster track coaches, Bruce Hunter and Craig Penney, struggled to tell the sisters apart. As members of the first varsity women's track team in 1981, the Kemps set several school records that remain unbeaten: Darlene's 14.35 sec. 100-meter hurdles and 4462 heptathlon score and Charlene's 8.84 sec. 55-meter hurdle. The two were also half of the 400-meter relay team which holds the record at 48.04 seconds. The Kemps competed on the national level every year and were named All-Americans.

Today, Darlene lives with her husband, Garry, in Randolph, Massachusetts, and works as a certified interpreter of the deaf, a math coach for the public schools, and as an emergency foster mom. Charlene is an international academic adviser at the University of Akron's business school. She and husband John Queener '84 have four children. — *Emily Ryan '05*

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IT'S DONE! Seniors (clockwise from top left) Syed Imran Hasnain, Dan Lux, Brittany Wellner, and Mustafa Rafique celebrate during I.S. Monday festivities at the end of March.